

Construct Picnic and ADA Accessible Fishing Facilities at Fish Pond

Provide access off Highway 47 to Harriman East and Fish Pond.

Construct a small parking lot.

Construct a simple group shelter for picnicking near Fish Pond. Provide individual tables for dispersed picnicking. Provide an ADA-accessible fishing dock on Fish Pond. Construct a hard-surfaced path from the parking lot to the fishing dock.

Accommodate Overnight Use Near Fish Pond

Provide access off Highway 47 to Harriman East and Fish Pond.

Accommodate overnight use in the area adjacent to Fish Pond and provide water and restroom facilities.

Construct a Replica of the Original Big Shop/Blacksmith Shop

Utilizing historic documents to locate the approximate site, construct a

replica of the original big shop/blacksmith shop at or near its original location in the ranch complex.

Proposed Land Acquisitions

Most of the desirable property that Harriman State Park of Idaho would like under its management is owned by Targhee National Forest and need not be acquired if management agreements or exchanges with the Forest can be accomplished. One parcel of property along Harriman State Park of Idaho's boundary that is desirable for acquisition, however, is the 240 acres of Idaho Department of Lands property known as their Osborne Bridge tract. That property runs along a portion of the east boundary of the Railroad Ranch and the Harriman East property, and is bisected by Highway 20.

Proposed Development	Priority Levels and Cost Estimates		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Construct major park entrance @ Hwy. 20	\$40,000		
Reroute and pave park entry off Green Canyon Rd. to park headquarters/visitor ctr.	\$354,198		
Construct log cross-beam ranch entry gate	\$10,000		
Redesign and enlarge park headquarters/visitor center	\$702,456		
Redesign and enlarge park headquarters/visitor center parking	\$75,000		
Construct a restroom at Osborne boat launch	\$15,000		
Construct dining facility adjacent to dormitory		\$420,376	
Construct simple group shelter @ Ranch View		\$41,580	
Construct picnic & ADA fishing facilities at Fish Pond		\$173,580	
Accommodate Overnight Use Near Fish Pond			\$250,000
Construct a replica of original big shop/blacksmith shop in ranch bldg. complex			\$278,933
Total cost by priority level	\$1,196,954	\$885,536	\$278,933
Total cost of all development	\$2,361,423*		

*Note: Cost estimates reflect 2002 dollar amounts.

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THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of DECEMBER 4th, 1961,
between E. ROLAND HARRIMAN residing at Arden, New York, W. AVERELL HARRIMAN
residing at Harriman, New York and THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO acting
by and through ROBERT E. SMYLIE, Governor of the State of Idaho,

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, for over fifty years the Harriman family has been a part
of the Idaho community, enjoying at the Railroad Ranch health and recreation-
al facilities unequalled elsewhere. In return, the Harriman family has con-
ducted a cattle operation thus contributing in some measure to the growth
of the Idaho economy and the development of its resources. recognizing
that the wild life of Idaho is not the exclusive property of any one
generation but is a limited resource that must be passed on to succeeding
generations the Railroad Ranch has protected game, birds and fish and
certain areas have been protected as a sanctuary for all forms of wild
life. In the early 1930's over 100 elk which were pastured in captivity
at the Railroad Ranch were released into the forest preserve in order
to build up the natural elk herd which at that time was practically non-
existent. All these steps have improved the hunting on the lands adjacent
to the Railroad Ranch during the years of Harriman occupancy.

In keeping with these principles and in order that the people of
Idaho in particular and visitors from other states and countries may con-
tinue to enjoy these privileges in perpetuity, E. Roland Harriman and W.
Averell Harriman desire to make a gift of the property known as Railroad
Ranch to the people of Idaho to be maintained as a State Park on the terms
and conditions hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, E. Roland Harriman and W. Averell Harriman are the only
beneficial owners of shares of the corporate capital stock of Island Park
Land and Cattle Company, a Utah corporation, owning certain real property
situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho, and in the County of
Beaverhead, State of Montana, are General Partners in Railroad Ranch Cattle
Co., a Utah partnership, owning real property situated in the County of

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Fremont, State of Idaho, and are joint owners of certain other real property situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho, and

WHEREAS, E. Roland Harriman and W. Averell Harriman in order to carry out their desire to make said gift desire to make formal arrangements for the donation to The People of the State of Idaho all of their respective shares of stock in Island Park Land and Cattle Company and indebtedness owing to them respectively by said Island Park Land and Cattle Company, so much of their respective interests as General Partners in Railroad Ranch Cattle Co. as consists of real property and improvements thereon situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho and also their respective interests in their jointly-owned real property and improvements thereon situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho, in consideration of The People of the State of Idaho utilizing said real property and improvements thereon for the purpose of creating in perpetuity a State Park under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, E. Roland Harriman, W. Averell Harriman and Robert E. Smylie, Governor of the State of Idaho acting for and in behalf of The People of the State of Idaho, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. E. Roland Harriman agrees that he will by his last Will and Testament bequeath and devise subject, however, to a legal life estate in his wife, Gladys F. Harriman, to the Governor of Idaho in trust for The People of the State of Idaho:

(a) all of his right, title and interest in and to all shares of the corporate capital stock of Island Park Land and Cattle Company together with all indebtedness owing from said corporation to him at the time of his death; provided, however, that such bequest shall be on the condition that The People of the State of Idaho shall execute and deliver to Gladys F. Harriman an irrevocable power of attorney to her or her substitute or substitutes to vote as proxy all such shares of stock at stockholders' meetings of said corporation and further provided that if at any time said corporation shall be dissolved during the lifetime of said Gladys F. Harriman, The People of the State of Idaho shall take all necessary action and

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deliver to the said Gladys F. Harriman all documents necessary to confer upon her a legal life estate in and to any and all real property owned by said corporation located in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho;

(b) all of his right, title and interest in and to so much of his capital interest as a General Partner in Railroad Ranch Cattle Co. as shall consist of real property and improvements thereon situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho;

(c) all of his right, title and interest in and to any real property situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho owned by him individually at the time of his death.

2. W. Averell Harriman agrees that he will by his last Will and Testament bequeath and devise to the Governor of Idaho in trust for The People of the State of Idaho, subject to a legal life estate in E. Roland Harriman and in his wife, Gladys F. Harriman, and in the survivor of them:

(a) all of his right, title and interest in and to all shares of the corporate capital stock of Island Park Land and Cattle Company then owned by him together with all indebtedness then owing from said corporation to him; provided, however, that such bequest shall be on the condition that The People of the State of Idaho shall execute and deliver to E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman an irrevocable power of attorney to them and the survivor of them or their substitute or substitutes to vote as proxy all such shares of stock at stockholders' meetings of said corporation and further provided that if at any time said corporation shall be dissolved during the lifetimes of the said E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman The People of the State of Idaho shall take all necessary action and deliver to the said E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman all documents necessary to confer upon them or the survivor of them a legal life estate in and to any and all real property owned by said corporation located in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho;

(b) all of his right, title and interest in and to so much of his capital interest as a General Partner in Railroad Ranch Cattle Co. as

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may then consist of real property and improvements thereon situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho; and

(c) all of his right, title and interest in and to any real property situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho, then owned by him individually.

3. No bond or other security shall be required of either E. Roland Harriman or Gladys F. Harriman as such legal life tenant.

4. The People of the State of Idaho acting by and through Robert E. Smylie, Governor of the State of Idaho, hereby accept the foregoing gifts and agree that upon the performance by the said E. Roland Harriman and W. Averell Harriman of the foregoing covenants The People of the State of Idaho will take the necessary action to establish a State Park for the use and recreation of the general public upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed appropriate and desirable by the State of Idaho, subject, however, to the following conditions:

(a) The name of the park shall be "Harriman State Park of Idaho."

(b) The People of the State of Idaho acting by and through the Legislature of Idaho will establish pursuant to law a professionally staffed career Park Service whose personnel shall be chosen on the basis of merit alone, and which shall be administered under merit system procedures for personnel administration, and the said Park Service shall, when established, be vested with the control and administration of the Park, subject to the advice and consent of the Governor of Idaho.

(c) The People of the State of Idaho agree to pay to the County of Fremont, after the gifts herein agreed to be devised and bequeathed have vested fully and finally in the State of Idaho and its people, a sum of money in lieu of taxes equal to the sum which would have been paid had the property remained in private ownership. This payment shall be computed by applying the millage levies applicable to the property in the ordinary course to the assessed valuation of the property as it appears on the books of the County Assessor of Fremont County on November 27, 1961.

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(d) In order to protect the visitors to the park and add to the protection of wild life, hunting, shooting and trapping by the general public shall be at all time prohibited and The People of the State of Idaho shall take all measures necessary for the strict enforcement of this prohibition. In the event that the proper State or Park officials shall deem it necessary for conservation or other purposes to destroy animals, birds or vermin, such destruction shall be undertaken only by game wardens, Park officials or other duly authorized State Officers.

(e) Fishing by the general public shall be permitted in season, except as hereinafter provided, but fishermen shall be restricted to the use of dry and wet flies and no bait or other lures shall be allowed at any time.

(f) The present bird sanctuary located between the Ranch Bridge and the Osborne Bridge shall be continued in perpetuity. This sanctuary shall be closed to the general public by the proper State or Park officials at such times as shall be appropriate and consistent with the maintenance of a sanctuary. No fishing shall be permitted in the sanctuary during migratory bird season and the sanctuary shall be closed to the public at that time.

(g) The People of the State of Idaho shall upon termination of all legal life estates provided for herein take all necessary action to sell the real property and improvements thereon located in the County of Beaverhead, State of Montana, now belonging to Island Park Land and Cattle Company and shall use the net proceeds of such sale and the income therefrom for the general purposes of the Park and for the acquisition of surrounding lands for the general uses of the Park.

(h) In order to extend the boundaries of the Park, The People of the State of Idaho shall employ their best efforts to acquire from the United States Government and others in whole or in part from time to time from the date hereof by exchange or otherwise as a part of the Park all lands west of the Snake River from the Osborne Bridge to the Island Park Reservoir Dam thence westerly to Green Canyon Road back to the point of

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beginning. In order to further protect the visitors to the Park and to add to the further protection of wild life, such lands whether or not so acquired shall be subject to the same prohibitions as are contained in Article 4(d) hereof from and after the time that the Park is established.

(i) The People of the State of Idaho may either directly or by concession make such provisions as may seem to them proper for food, lodging and saddle horses within the Park and may also make such arrangements for forestry, agriculture and cattle raising. The People of the State of Idaho, acting through the Department of Aeronautics of the State of Idaho may establish, construct and maintain a small aircraft landing strip in the Park.

6. During the lifetimes of E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman, The People of the State of Idaho may by way of gifts or devise from Charles S. Jones or by devise from W. Averell Harriman acquire an interest in the foregoing real property situated in the County of Fremont, State of Idaho, whether by way of fee, lease, remainder or otherwise. In the event The People of the State of Idaho shall acquire any such interest in such real property whether by way of fee, lease, remainder or otherwise, it is expressly understood and agreed that neither The People of the State of Idaho nor any officer, agent or representative of The People of the State of Idaho shall have any right to enter upon any such real property except for fire wardens, game wardens and law enforcement officers in the regular performance of their duties, without the express consent of E. Roland Harriman or his duly authorized representative or after his death, Gladys F. Harriman or her duly authorized representative, so long as E. Roland Harriman or Gladys F. Harriman shall live.

The People of the State of Idaho recognize that the right of E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of such property during their lifetimes and the lifetime of the survivor is paramount and of the essence of this contract. Accordingly, The People of the State of Idaho expressly agree that the said E. Roland

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Harriman and W. Averell Harriman may condition the foregoing bequests and devises to their said Wills or any inter vivos instrument of conveyance upon the absolute compliance by The People of the State of Idaho, their officers, agents and representatives with the prohibition of entry hereinabove set forth. Said bequests, devises or instruments of conveyance may be conditioned so that if either E. Roland Harriman or W. Averell Harriman or their respective executors shall severally or jointly in his or their uncontrolled discretion determine that said prohibition has been violated this contract shall thereafter be null, void and of no effect and any and all property theretofore devised, bequeathed or conveyed pursuant hereto shall upon the termination of all legal life estates provided for herein revert to E. Roland Harriman and W. Averell Harriman or to their respective estates if either of them shall be deceased at the time of such determination, and The People of the State of Idaho shall have no further right, title or interest in or to any such property. It is expressly understood and agreed that The People of the State of Idaho, their officers, agents and representatives shall have no recourse in any court in any jurisdiction in the event that a determination that said prohibition has been violated shall be made as aforesaid.

It is also understood and agreed that in the event W. Averell Harriman shall survive both E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman, The People of the State of Idaho shall after the death of the survivor of said E. Roland Harriman and Gladys F. Harriman and during the lifetime of W. Averell Harriman have a right of entry upon said property for the purposes of establishing said State Park upon the terms and conditions aforesaid.

7. This agreement shall not become effective or binding upon any of the parties until ratified and approved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed as of
the day and year hereinbefore set forth.

s/ E. ROLAND HARRIMAN
E. Roland Harriman

s/ W. AVERELL HARRIMAN
W. Averell Harriman

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

By s/ ROBERT E. SMYLLIE
Governor of the State of Idaho

Resource Area Evaluation Table

Resource Area Evaluation Criteria and Management Objectives	Scientific Area	Natural Area	Conservation Area	Historic Area	Recreation Area	Service/Support Area
Qualitative Value of Area Resources	Unique or exceptional resource value	Pristine, natural integrity; significant resource value	Varied resource value	Exceptional or significant resource value	Low to moderate resource value	Low resource value
Value of Area for Active Recreation	No to low active recreational value	Low to moderate active recreational value	Moderate active recreational value	Low to moderate active recreational value	Diverse, significant and high active recreational value	Low active recreational value
Degree of Educational Opportunity Present	Unique or exceptional opportunity	Significant educational opportunity	Moderate educational opportunity	Unique or exceptional educational opportunity	Moderate educational opportunity	Varied educational opportunity
Resource Area Characteristics	These areas are isolated, relatively inaccessible, and free of all put natural sounds.	These areas are secluded, with subdued noise levels and a serene, peaceful environment.	This transition area is characterized by dispersed, sporadic activity. Noise levels vary from relatively quiet to fairly noisy, depending upon the occasion.	Although able to accommodate groups of visitors, these areas are quiet, passive and thought-provoking.	These areas are public and dynamic. They are readily accessible, busy, crowded, noisy, and characterized by almost continuous activity.	Service Support Areas providing visitor services are readily accessible, busy, noisy, and characterized by continuous daytime activity.
Typical Activities within the Area	Guided interpretive walks and scientific study.	Hiking, wildlife watching, photography, small group interpretive walks, cross-country skiing, dispersed picnicking, boating activities that do not degrade the environment or detract from the desired visitor experience.	Natural Area activities, plus mountain biking, picnicking, X-country skiing, fishing, dispersed swimming, boating, special events	Personal inspection, photography, historic research, small group interpretive walks, special events	Natural and Conservation Area activities, plus developed camping, group sports, developed picnicking, boat launching/mooring/beaching, swimming, beach activities, non-motorized trail use, motorized trail use, outdoor interpretive programming, recreational housing, overnight lodging	Admission/registration, fee collection, visitor information, retail sales, staff offices, indoor/outdoor interpretive programming, concession operations, developed moorage, developed parking, staff housing, maintenance/storage, fueling, utility stations
Acceptable Level of Resource Impact	Extremely low resource impact	Low resource impact	Low to moderate resource impact	Low resource impact	Moderate to high resource impact	High resource impact
Anticipated Degree of Human Contact	Visitors assured a personal experience undisturbed by other park users.	Visitors may occasionally encounter individuals or small groups seeking a similar experience.	Visitors to these areas will frequently encounter other individuals and groups of park users.	During periods of peak use, visitors to these areas are almost certain to encounter other visitors seeking the same experience.	During periods of peak activity, visitors are certain to encounter many other visitors engaged in a wide variety of recreational and social activities.	During daylight hours, visitors are certain to encounter many other visitors seeking services and engaged in a variety of recreational and social activities.
Primary Area Management Objectives	Protect and perpetuate resources; use may be extremely limited or prohibited.	Preserve as near-natural; protect the resource from degradation, inappropriate development and over-use	Provide use and protection; establish use limits for conservation	Preservation paramount; provide opportunity for interpretation and education	Provide recreational opportunities; no irreparable resource damage	Efficient, economic and safe support

RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES

INTRODUCTION

The Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation is charged with the dual mission of protecting and preserving the resources of the state park system and of providing recreation opportunities and facilities for public use. Harriman State Park of Idaho provides a classic example of the importance of keeping IDPR's dual mission in balance. The park abounds with scenic beauty and precious resources.

Recent surveys and input sessions have shown a desire for a variety of management actions and recreational pursuits. Understanding that Harriman State Park cannot, nor should it attempt to, be all things to all people; nor does Harriman State Park possess within its boundaries all of the resources necessary to meet all the needs addressed in the input received, three general concepts (provided under separate cover) for the provision of recreational opportunities within and around Harriman State Park were developed.

Below is a listing of general management areas and a range of opportunities (management actions) that could provide the experiences desired by the public in and around Harriman State Park. The range of opportunities incorporates the input received on the Harriman State Park master plan. Management alternatives will be crafted for the park utilizing the three concepts noted above and a variety of the management actions listed below.

VISITOR CONTACT AND DISTRIBUTION

Entrance/Fee Collection

- Provide entry signs.
- Provide information/orientation signs.
- Provide highway pull-offs with information/orientation kiosks.
- Emphasize main Railroad Ranch entry more than other entrances.
- Collect park entry fees inside the Visitor Center at Railroad Ranch.
- Provide a self-serve fee station outside the Visitor Center.
- Provide self-serve fee stations at parking area(s) on Harriman-managed properties outside the Railroad Ranch.
- Provide donation boxes at Mailbox and Last Chance entries.
- Establish alternate fee structures, per Idaho Park & Recreation Board and legislative approval, as follows:
 - ◆ Per person entry fee rather than a per vehicle fee.
 - ◆ Sliding price scale for mid-week or off-season overnight use.
 - ◆ Annual or daily fish tag.
 - ◆ Rod fee(s).

- ◆ Establish a Fremont County recreation pass to include Mesa Falls, Henrys Lake, Harriman and both Osborne Bridge and Last Chance fishing access.

- Provide simpler pay envelopes.

Access, Circulation and Parking

Railroad Ranch:

- Use existing access roads, circulation and parking.
- Reroute park access off Green Canyon Road at or near the historic ranch entry road. Design so the park visitor center is visible from Green Canyon Road. Reroute the road to the fishing access area from beyond the visitor center. Remove and rehab the existing access road.
- Retain the existing road and most of Ranch View parking area; redesign parking so visitors can see the trail to the Home Ranch from the parking area.
- Retain existing road and parking access for overnight visitors/park management at the dormitory.
- Include some senior citizen parking spaces in the dormitory parking lot for shorter walking access to the historic ranch buildings.
- Reduce the parking area at the current fishing access lot and utilize Ranch View parking area primarily for fishing access.
- Redesign and enlarge visitor center parking area to serve as the main contact point for the park.
- Size the visitor center parking area to serve as the main trailhead for the park. Provide regularly scheduled shuttle service from the visitor center parking lot to the historic ranch buildings.
- Oil or hard surface park roads to eliminate dust.
- Provide a landing strip for airplane access.

Harriman East:

- Retain parking at the Osborne bridge boat launch for summer users.
- Provide winter parking for snowmobilers close to the highway at the Osborne bridge site.
- Work with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to identify and improve access to portions of Harriman East on the north and east side of the river, including Fish Pond.

Sheridan Ranch:

- Work with the USFS to maintain existing historical quality of Green Canyon Road to Sheridan Ranch.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Parking provided for fishing access at Last Chance (USFS).
- Parking provided at upper and lower Mesa Falls viewing areas (USFS).
- Parking provided at Bear Gulch ski area (USFS).

Visitor Center

Railroad Ranch:

- Moderately enlarge the existing park headquarters/visitor center.
- Develop a new visitor center near park headquarters.
- Develop a new visitor center along Highway 20.
- The visitor center should provide park information, orientation and education in one area that is not on a prime recreation resource. Provide adequate space for:
 - ✦ Orientation of entire park and related regional resources
 - ✦ Staffed information station
 - ✦ Interpretative exhibits of Harriman State Park (HSP) key themes
 - ✦ Multi-purpose space (meetings, classroom)
 - ✦ Gift shop sized for anticipated use
 - ✦ Refreshment machines (with possible outside eating area)
 - ✦ Offices (e.g., visitor center management, park administration, education/interpretation providers)
 - ✦ Restrooms
 - ✦ Outdoor orientation exhibits/maps
 - ✦ Possible cross-country ski warming space
- Put in a Flying J truck stop.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Continue partnership with the USFS at the Big Falls Inn Interpretive Center at Upper Mesa Falls.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Educational and Interpretive Programs

- Continue to partner with related entities outside the park for interpretation (e.g., Audubon Society/Red Rocks National Wildlife Sanctuary, USFS, USFWS, Henry's Fork Foundation, Yellowstone National Park).
- Partner with others to create an education/research institute to develop programs to enhance preservation and education of the park and related area resources. Utilize a strong park focus.
- Provide spring and fall environmental education school programs in the park.
- Present education/interpretive programs to all visitors, such as the Jr. Ranger program, evening programs and interpretive tours.
- Utilize the Home Ranch for historical interpretation with a few other visitor uses.
- Establish an interpretive philosophy and specific timeframe for home ranch interpretation.
- Provide public access to the first floor of the Jones House, Dining Cottage, Harriman Cottage, Ice House, Auto Garage, Tractor Storage Barn, Cow Barn and Horse Barn during regularly scheduled tours.
- Provide public access to the Boys House for restrooms and classroom/

meeting space.

- Provide identification signs and interpretive brochure information on all buildings in the historic home ranch complex.
- Expand programs and focus on natural and cultural resource education/interpretation.
- Provide satellite programming from Harriman State Park into Idaho schools.
- Establish programs on range and forest management through Idaho's universities.
- Fashion the park into an "environmental, historical classroom" for diverse ages and user groups.
- Provide overnight educational opportunities for school children.
- Establish an environmental education summer camp.
- Establish an elder hostel program utilizing volunteer instructors and/or college interns.
- Provide interpretive programming on the early Native American habitation of the area.
- Increase the number of special event programs with a focus on education.
- Integrate all park sites into the education/interpretive programs (e.g., special cattle ranch programs at Sheridan Ranch, wildlife programs on Harriman East, haying with the beaver slide or a cattle roundup at the Railroad Ranch, fish research on Golden Lake and Sheridan Creek).
- Have livestock on site for events and historical character, as needed.
- Present living history demonstrations, such as shoeing a horse or loading hay, during special events.
- Create an artist in residence program to produce original art work for the park, as well as unique "nature art projects" in disturbed wooded areas that provide wildlife habitat, interest, uniqueness, and help repair/restore the environment.

Education and Interpretation Facilities

Dormitory:

- Utilize the dormitory for overnight lodging for educational groups such as schools, elder hostel programs, institute programs, environmental education camps, etc.
- Remove the two existing dude barns and construct classroom and dining space for dormitory residents in their place. Design the facilities to blend with the historic character of the Harriman historic district.

Ranch View:

- Maintain self-guided interpretive trail, exhibits and picnic facilities.
- Redesign many of the existing interpretive panels, nature walk and exhibit structures. Reuse exhibit structures elsewhere in the park. Retain the last interpretive overlook along the walk.
- Redesign restroom structure and improve integration into the overall area. Remove information kiosk.

- Develop a simple covered shelter for outdoor classes. When not used as an outdoor classroom, picnicking can occur. Screen the structure so that it is unobtrusive from the river. Redesign parking area, as needed to site the shelter.
- Redesign and update all interpretive exhibits.

Home Ranch:

- Use meeting space in the Boys House for educational programs.
- Remove interpretive outdoor exhibit and rehabilitate that area to blend with surrounding grass area.
- Reconstruct the original big shop/blacksmith shop.

Fishing Access:

- Screen wayside exhibit from the river. Update restroom as needed.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Provide interpretive exhibits at Upper Mesa Falls in partnership with the USFS.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Manage resources to preserve threatened, endangered or species of special concern. Work with the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on swan and other wildlife management issues.
- Work with the USFS and other wildlife partners on the management of wildlife within the Harriman Refuge boundaries.
- Work closely with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on historic site and structure preservation, restoration and/or rehabilitation.
- Work with the SHPO on the cataloging and preservation of artifacts.
- Work with the Henry's Fork Watershed Council on resource restoration projects.
- Work with the USFS on timber management.
- Create management plans for natural and cultural resources.
- Expand the emphasis on cattle grazing from revenue to education and research. Operate the grazing program at Harriman State Park as a showcase or demonstration project on how grazing can benefit the environment.
- Remove all cattle from the park.
- Continue to partner with other agencies (e.g., USFS, IDFG, USFWS, Idaho Dept. of Lands, Fremont County, National Resource Conservation Service, Henrys Fork Watershed Council, etc.) for natural resources conservation at the park and related areas.
- Work to preserve the dark sky environment in and around Harriman State Park.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing

Railroad Ranch:

- Maintain current fishing regulations (fly-fishing catch and release) on the Henry's Fork through Harriman State Park.
- Request that IDFG allow year-round fishing on the Henrys Fork to assist with winter swan management.
- Maintain fishing ban on Golden or Silver lakes.
- Recommend catch and release fishing on Thurmon Creek, pending Fish & Game approval.

Sheridan Ranch:

- Recommend Sheridan Creek be a catch and release fishery, pending Fish & Game approval.

Harriman East:

- Continue general regulation fishing on Fish Pond.
- Market Fish Pond as a children's/family fishery.
- Provide an accessible fishing site at Fish Pond.

Boating

Railroad Ranch:

- Recommend no boats or flotation devices on the section of Henrys Fork from Last Chance to Osborne Bridge, pending County approval.
- Allow non-motorized boats on the section of Henrys Fork from Last Chance to Osborne Bridge.
- Maintain boating ban on Golden and Silver lakes to protect nesting swans.

Harriman East:

- Allow non-motorized boats on Fish Pond.
- Non-motorized boating on the Henrys Fork downstream from Osborne Bridge.

Trails

- Retain existing summer and winter trail systems; improve signs and brochures.
- Close any trails as needed for resource protection.
- Provide quality trailhead and trail linkages from the Visitor Center parking area.
- Expand the park's trail system to link all park sites together (e.g., Railroad Ranch to Spring Site to Sheridan Ranch, and Railroad Ranch to Harriman East).
- Retain all Railroad Ranch trails as non-motorized (hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and equestrian) trails.

- Provide snowmobile parking on Harriman East at the Osborne bridge area.
- Expand equestrian trails to Harriman East.
- Provide an underpass crossing at Highway 20 to facilitate trail usage between the Railroad Ranch and Harriman East, as well as snowmobile usage along Green Canyon Road.
- Host cross-country ski and/or snowshoe races.
- Provide groomed skate ski trails.
- Continue concessionaire agreement with horseback riding concession for trail use and maintenance.
- Relocate the concession from the dude barns to an area near the park visitor center.
- Relocate the horse concession to the cow barn.
- Relocate the horse concession to Harriman East.
- Remove or limit horseback riding concession/use if the resources become over impacted.
- Designate trails the horse concessionaire can use within the park.
- Encourage separate use of trails through signs/education.
- Refrain from using logging roads as trails.
- Pursue trail equipment and tour concessions (e.g., bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, sled rental) if they don't over impact the resource.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Continue to allow a snowmobile trail across Harriman East and the home ranch's north boundary at Last Chance as part of the Fremont County snowmobile program.
- Continue linked trail system with the USFS throughout the Harriman Refuge.
- Partner with the USFS to provide additional summer and cross-country ski trails along Thurmon Ridge.
- Partner with the USFS to develop challenging snowshoe trails along Thurmon Ridge.
- Partner with other public agencies and private landowners to establish a hard-surfaced community trail system from Harriman State Park, north through Island Park, to the Buffalo River.
- Partner with other public agencies to provide year-round trail opportunities from Harriman State Park, south through the Mesa Falls Recreation Area, to Bear Gulch.
- Work with the USFS to establish an interpretive water trail on the Henrys Fork from Osborne Bridge to East Hatchery Ford.
- Develop agreements with outfitters and guides, and others using park resources for profit.

Warming Space

Railroad Ranch:

- Provide warming hut space in the downstairs of the Jones House during

the winter.

- Provide a mobile yurt in the Home Ranch area for a warming hut (winter only). Use for staff housing in summer (near maintenance area).
- Provide warming hut space in the park visitor center.
- Provide a soup and sandwich concession in the warming hut.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Partner with other public agencies to provide warming huts along the trail corridor in the Mesa Falls Recreation Area (approx. 3 mile intervals).

Lodging/Camping

- Remove all overnight use from all areas of the park.
- Allow competition for a concessionaire-owned and operated resort that includes a food service or dining facility.

Railroad Ranch:

- Provide visitor lodging at the Home Ranch in the Dormitory for educational groups.
- Provide visitor lodging at the Home Ranch in the Dormitory for reunions and retreats.
- Provide visitor lodging in the Ranch Manager's House.
- Provide visitor lodging in the Honeymoon Hotel.
- Provide visitor lodging in the Bunkhouse.
- Provide visitor lodging in the Cattle Foreman's House.
- Remove the two dude barns and construct a classroom and cookhouse for the dorm.
- Use Ranch Cookhouse for Bunkhouse cooking.
- Provide seasonal staff lodging on the second floor of the Jones House and in the Ranch Office.
- Provide seasonal staff lodging in the Ranch Office.
- Move yurts at Silver Lake to backcountry/primitive campsites on Harriman property located on the west side of Thurmon ridge. Make backcountry yurts available year-round.

Harriman East:

- Provide a primitive campground on the west side of the peninsula at Fish Pond.
- Provide camper cabins near Fish Pond.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Partner with the USFS to provide RV and tent camping at Riverside campground.
- Work with the USFS to provide group camping at Riverside campground.
- Work with the USFS to provide a series of yurts along trails located on Thurmon Ridge.
- Work with the USFS to provide a yurt system from Harriman East to Bear

Gulch.

- Work with the USFS to provide an equestrian camp at Bear Gulch.

Picnicking

- Significantly increase picnic facilities. Ensure a site at each location is ADA accessible.

Fishing Access:

- Relocate picnic tables out of the parking lot.
- Situate new picnic sites so they have a view of the river, but are unobtrusive from the river.

Ranch View:

- Provide a group shelter for outdoor programming and picnicking.
- Provide a few individual tables.

Home Ranch:

- Provide a couple of picnic tables in the home ranch complex.
- Remove picnic tables and provide benches for picnicking among the historic buildings.
- Provide interior picnic space in the ranch cookhouse. Include vending machines.

Visitor Center:

- Provide a picnic/interpretive area at the visitor center.

Harriman East

- Provide a few picnic tables near the boat launch; provide landscaping, as feasible.
- Develop a picnic area with a group shelter near the old home site. Keep the picnic area back from edge of river to minimize visibility.

Equestrian Facilities

Railroad Ranch:

- Provide horse trailer parking and water at the visitor center parking lot. Allow riders to use only designated trails.
- Provide primitive camping with horse corrals on the west side of Thurmon Ridge in Section 16.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Partner with the USFS to expand equestrian trails along Thurmon Ridge.
- Provide an equestrian camp at Bear Gulch.

Wildlife Viewing

- Provide appropriately located benches with binocular armrest for wildlife viewing.

Appendix 3

- Develop wildlife viewing blinds created by natural elements, e.g., rocks, shrubs, downed timber.
- Partner with the Audubon Society for birdwatching opportunities.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

- Moderately expand park headquarters for park administration/offices as part of the Visitor Center. Develop a space plan for the visitor center.
- Retain existing housing area near the park headquarters and add additional staff, seasonal and volunteer housing, as needed.
- Provide summer seasonal housing in a mobile yurt located in the maintenance yard.
- Retain seasonal housing at Ranch Office and 2nd floor of Jones House. Continue winter field office at Ranch Office.
- Continue maintenance operations/functions in the area adjacent to park headquarters.
- Provide long-term and short-term volunteer and service opportunities.
- Establish a “Friends of Harriman State Park” for fund raising and/or charitable contribution opportunities.

Other Recreation Providers:

- Continue partnership with the USFS at the Big Falls Inn Interpretive Center at Upper Mesa Falls.

Harriman State Park

MASTER PLAN

February 2002

Dear Friends,

Public Review Meetings

General Open House
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

You can come any time
during the Open House

Information Displays
on Management
Proposals

February 19, 2002
IDPR Headquarters
5657 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise

February 20, 2002
BV CottonTree Inn
900 Lindsay Blvd.
Idaho Falls

February 21, 2002
Island Park Ranger District
Island Park

The ideas you and others contributed during the input phase of the Harriman State Park master plan are the basis for the management proposals presented in this booklet. The management proposals represent three potential visions for the park's future; each proposal identifying a different role of the park in the Island Park area. As you review and comment on the management proposals, keep in mind that you do not have to agree with one proposal completely. You may comment on parts of a proposal that you like or dislike, or you may propose new actions. You may submit your comments by using the enclosed response form and/or by attending one of the public review meetings in February 2002.

We want to emphasize that we have not made any final decisions concerning general park management strategies. We want you to respond to the range of proposals presented, and we want your thoughts on what actions you think are the most appropriate for the future of the park. Once comments are received in written form and at the public meetings, the planning team will review those comments with the management proposals. They will then craft a preferred management proposal for inclusion in the draft master plan. The draft plan will include the three preliminary management proposals and the preferred proposal crafted from them. You will have the opportunity to comment on the draft master plan after the Idaho Park and Recreation Board has reviewed it in April 2002.

We appreciate your interest in Harriman State Park and look forward to receiving your comments on the preliminary management proposals. At any time during the planning process, please feel free to write to the Comprehensive Planning Section, Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0065, or via e-mail to cvaughn@idpr.state.id.us. You may also write to the park at: Harriman State Park, HC 65, Box 500, Island Park, ID 83429, or via e-mail at har@idpr.state.id.us.

Sincerely,



Rick Collignon
Director

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

INTRODUCTION

The Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation is charged with the dual mission of protecting and preserving the resources of the state park system and of providing recreation opportunities and facilities for public use. Harriman State Park of Idaho provides a classic example of the importance of keeping IDPR's dual mission in balance. The park abounds with scenic beauty and precious resources.

Harriman State Park's master plan will identify an overall direction for park management over the next 20 years. It will also provide a framework for park staff to use when making decisions about such issues as how to best protect park resources, how to provide a quality visitor experience, how to manage visitor use, and what kinds of facilities, if any, to develop in the park.

Recent surveys and input sessions have shown a desire for a variety of management actions and recreational pursuits. Understanding that Harriman State Park cannot, nor should it attempt to, be all things to all people; nor does Harriman State Park possess within its boundaries all of the resources necessary to meet all the needs addressed in the input received, three general concepts for the provision of recreational opportunities within and around Harriman State Park were developed. These concepts are shown on the area map of the Island Park Region (see Map 1).

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU

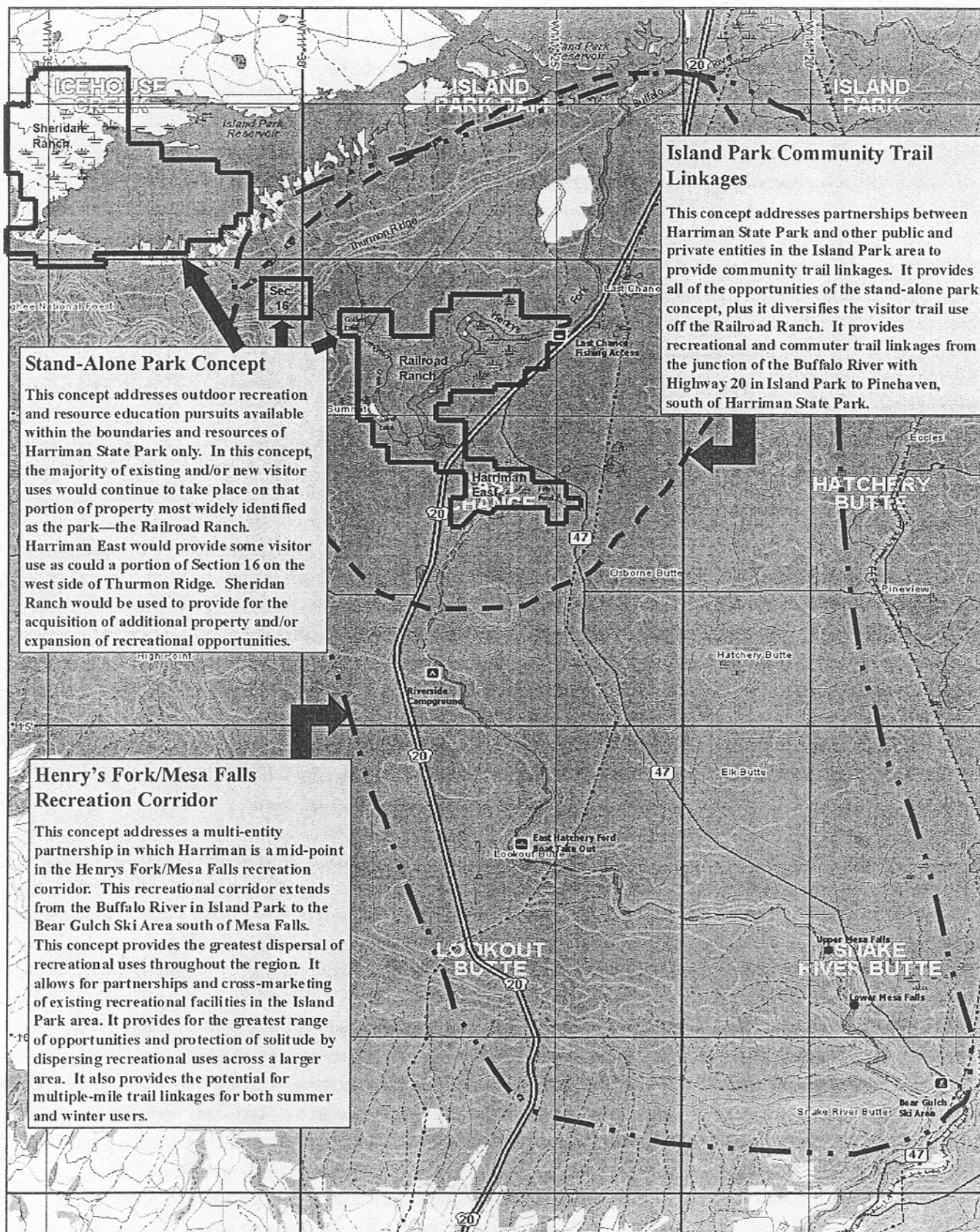
The following summarizes what we heard from the public, park staff, and planning team members during the input phase of the planning process. The input phase included 6 input workshops with 74 participants, written input received from 46 participants, and a survey of Eastern Idaho residents with 410 respondents.

What Does the Public Value About the Park?

General themes of park significance among the input sources included: wildlife, scenic beauty, ranching heritage, open space, solitude/tranquility/retreat, recreational opportunities (fishing, trails, lodging, year-round use), family outings, outdoor education, research opportunities, other nearby recreation opportunities, local economic impact (fly fishing), and uniqueness of the park as part of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

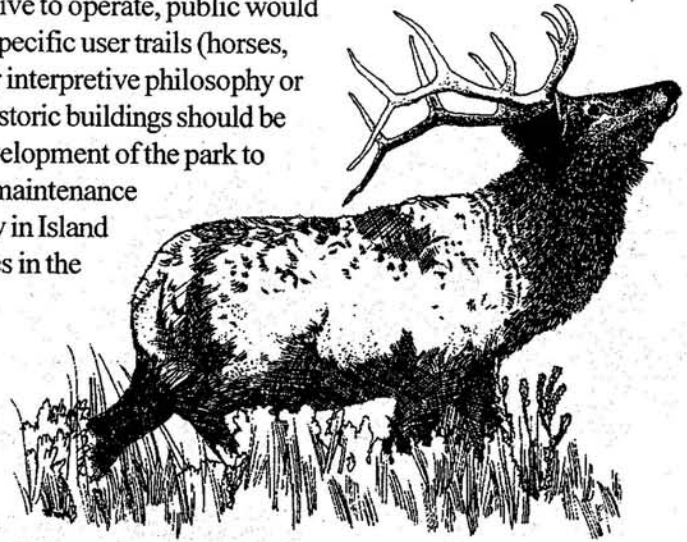
Issues, Concerns, Desired Opportunities and Experiences

Issues of concern (in no particular order) included: protection of the natural and cultural resources, including the park's ranching heritage; maintenance of the current recreation experience along the river corridor; difficulty finding the park with current signage; difficulty finding facilities within the park; lack of an adequate visitor center/initial visitor contact point; confusing park orientation; lack of identification of all park properties; lack of park promotion/public awareness; staff housing in the historic ranch complex; pressures to provide more services/increase usage, yet preserve the special qualities of the park; lack of outdoor education facilities; snowmobiling pressures in the Island Park area; compliance with the Harriman gift deed; competition with the private sector; utilization of park lands other than the Railroad Ranch (Harriman East, Section 16 and Sheridan Ranch); tension between fishermen and boats on the river, specifically from Last Chance to Osborne bridge—some requests to prohibit boating, some requests to allow boating; misconception that the park is a “drain” and the cost per visitor is higher than average; dust on park roads; lack of, or poor, picnic facilities; small constituent base for the park; lack of a natural resource management plan; concerns over noxious weeds; management of wildlife and potential overpopulations; human/wildlife interactions and impacts; forest management; cattle grazing—some want more, some want less; cataloging and preservation of artifacts; preservation of the cultural



Map 1. Three General Concepts for Harriman State Park Management

landscape; public understanding of the unique gift of Harriman State Park; revenue needs; Jones House as a warming hut—expensive to operate, public would like it open more; equestrian overuse of trails; specific user trails (horses, hikers and bikers may not always mix); no clear interpretive philosophy or interpretive timeframe of the Railroad Ranch; historic buildings should be used for interpretation, not lodging; no overdevelopment of the park to create a “theme” park or another Yellowstone; maintenance of the wildlife refuge; enough camp sites already in Island Park; concentrate dorm use and kitchen facilities in the same area; grooming of cross-country ski trails during mid-week; incorporation of Native Americans into the interpretive theme of the park; concern that all user groups will be heard; pressure for commercial development/loss of open space; fence and ditch maintenance; better groomed skate ski trails; “no lodging, no yurts, no campgrounds, no exceptions”; invest in



state and local visitor centers rather than building a new one, i.e., Ashton VC, Mesa Falls, Last Chance; all new park buildings reflect current historic buildings; determine carrying capacity for humans and animals; do not use logging roads as trails; develop a recognizable logo for the park; need additional restrooms; need parking closer to historic buildings; colleges have dormitories, ranches call the same building a bunkhouse, change the name; restore/protect Sheridan Creek; don't plow the road into the historic ranch buildings in the winter; access/entry fee at Osborne bridge; trail signage; need to establish a “Friends of Harriman State Park” for those who may wish to make bequests or contributions to the park; security for elk calving grounds; incorporation of financial planning in the master plan; protection of the world-renowned wild trout fishery; the historical ranch complex should be alive with people, not a “museum;” pressure to open Golden and Silver lakes to fishing; protection of trumpeter swan nesting grounds; IDPR management of Last Chance fishing access; and protection of dark sky.

Desired opportunities and experiences (in no particular order) included: hiking/backpacking trails; fishing opportunities; wildlife viewing; visiting cultural/historical sites; camping—backcountry, yurt, RV; horseback riding, both private and commercial; cross-country skiing; nonmotorized boating; mountain biking; opportunities for senior citizens; additional recreation opportunities such as more fishing (on ponds and lakes, and for children), more cross-country ski trails (Thurmon Ridge), more summer trails into the Forest Service/refuge area; longer equestrian trails and additional equestrian facilities, such as campsites; group and individual picnicking; trail links to neighboring communities and/or recreational areas; a clearly defined visitor/orientation program area; more disabled and senior citizen accessibility; an outdoor education facility; observation towers/blinds for bird/wildlife watching; additional yurts and overnight lodging facilities; artist in residence program; special events in the park (historic, fly fishing, free ski day, etc.); “marriage” of Harriman with the local business community and USFS campground; watchable wildlife and photography opportunities; historic reenactments—haymaking with the beaver slide, cattle roundup, etc.; continue rental of Ranch manager's house; access to Fish Pond with a connection to the Railroad Ranch; connect to Sheridan ranch via trails; research and education facilities; overnight experiences for students; addition of camper cabins in the park; partner with the Audubon Society for birdwatching opportunities; winter camping; yurt system; working historic ranch (animals for viewing—traditional farm); facility for retreats; access for pets; ski and snowshoe races; challenging snowshoe trails; year-round fishing; elder hostel program for education, solicit volunteer instructors, college internship; programs through colleges addressing forest and range management; alternate fee structures, e.g., per person rather than per car entry fee, sliding price scale (mid-week, off-season) for overnight use, annual or daily fishing tag, rod fee for fishing Golden Lake, develop a Fremont County park pass for Mesa Falls, Henrys Lake, Harriman and the

fishing access at Osborne bridge and Last Chance; increase year-round use on the river for swan management; let Flying J put in a truck stop; continue uses such as logging, grazing, etc. (showcase/demonstration practices of grazing—shift cattle grazing emphasis from revenue to education); increase visitation opportunities to Sheridan ranch; look at airport possibility to let more people have access to park; Jr. Ranger program; evening programs; volunteer/service opportunities; mentoring institute for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; allow competition for a concessionaire-owned and operated resort that includes a food service or dining facility; simpler self-pay envelope; dorm rental for family reunions; build a commons/kitchen facility for the dorm; open ranch bunkhouse and use in conjunction with cook house; cross-country ski, snowshoe, sled and bicycle concessions; moderate-sized gift shop; large winter parking area near the park boundary for snowmobilers; accessible fishing sites; soup and sandwich concession in the Jones House in the winter; oil park road from entry to parking lot; warming hut along the Harriman-Brimstone connector trail; exchange of Sheridan Ranch for U.S. Forest Service lands; nature interpretive trail for students; reconstruct the original big shop/blacksmith shop; and catch and release fly fishing regulations on Sheridan Creek.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

The remaining pages of this booklet present three preliminary management proposals for the next 20 years of Harriman State Park. Management proposals are an important part of responsible planning. They allow park managers, users, partners and neighbors to explore different approaches to managing visitor experience and resource conditions, direct development, and address issues of concern. Reviewing a range of management proposals ensures that impacts and tradeoffs of different approaches have been evaluated before a preferred proposal is selected.

We want to know what you think about each management proposal. You do not have to agree with a proposal completely, but rather you can modify a proposal or create a new one.

Each management proposal is built upon a different underlying vision and proposes a different way of managing the park. All three proposals are presented on the general concept map (see Map 1). Each proposal is also presented in detail in written text describing how areas of the park and/or surrounding region may be managed to achieve a variety of visitor experiences.

MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL #1 - HARRIMAN AS A STAND-ALONE PARK

This management proposal addresses outdoor recreation and resource education pursuits available within the boundaries and resources of Harriman State Park only. In this proposal, the majority of existing and/or new visitor uses would continue to take place on that portion of property most widely identified as the park—the Railroad Ranch. Harriman East would provide some visitor use, as could a portion of Section 16 on the west side of Thurmon Ridge. Sheridan Ranch would be used to provide for the acquisition of additional property and/or expansion of recreational opportunities.

Visitor Contact and Distribution

Park Entrance and Fee Collection—Additional entrance, information and orientation signs will be added to the park, with the Railroad Ranch entrance being designated as the “main entrance” and receiving the most extensive signing. Park entry fees will be primarily collected in the visitor center at the Railroad Ranch. During times when the visitor center is closed, entry fees can be placed in a self-serve fee station outside the visitor center. Self-serve fee stations will also be placed at parking areas on Harriman-managed properties outside the Railroad Ranch. Donation boxes will be provided at the Mailbox and Last Chance entrances to the park. A request will be made to place historic district signage along Highway 20 for Harriman State Park.

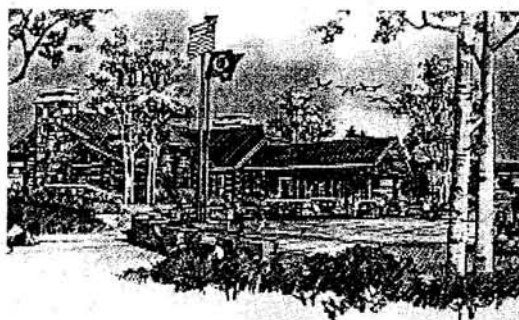
Access, Circulation and Parking—The main entry road into the park will be rerouted from its current location off Green Canyon Road to a point farther west, at or near the historic ranch entry. (See Map 2.) A log cross beam ranch entrance gate, similar to the one at the original ranch entrance, will be constructed at the entry. The current entry road will be removed and reseeded, and the road to the fishing access will be rerouted from the visitor center. Roads within the park will be oiled or hard surfaced to eliminate dust.

The visitor center parking area will be redesigned and enlarged, and serve as a major trailhead for the park. Parking will also be available at the fishing access, Ranch View parking area and near the dormitory. A special parking pass will be created for senior and disabled citizens to park in the dormitory parking lot. On Harriman East, parking will be available at the Osborne Bridge boat launch for summer users and near the entrance to the boat launch access road in the winter for snowmobilers. The park staff will also work with the U.S. Forest Service to identify and improve access to portions of Harriman East on the north side of the river.

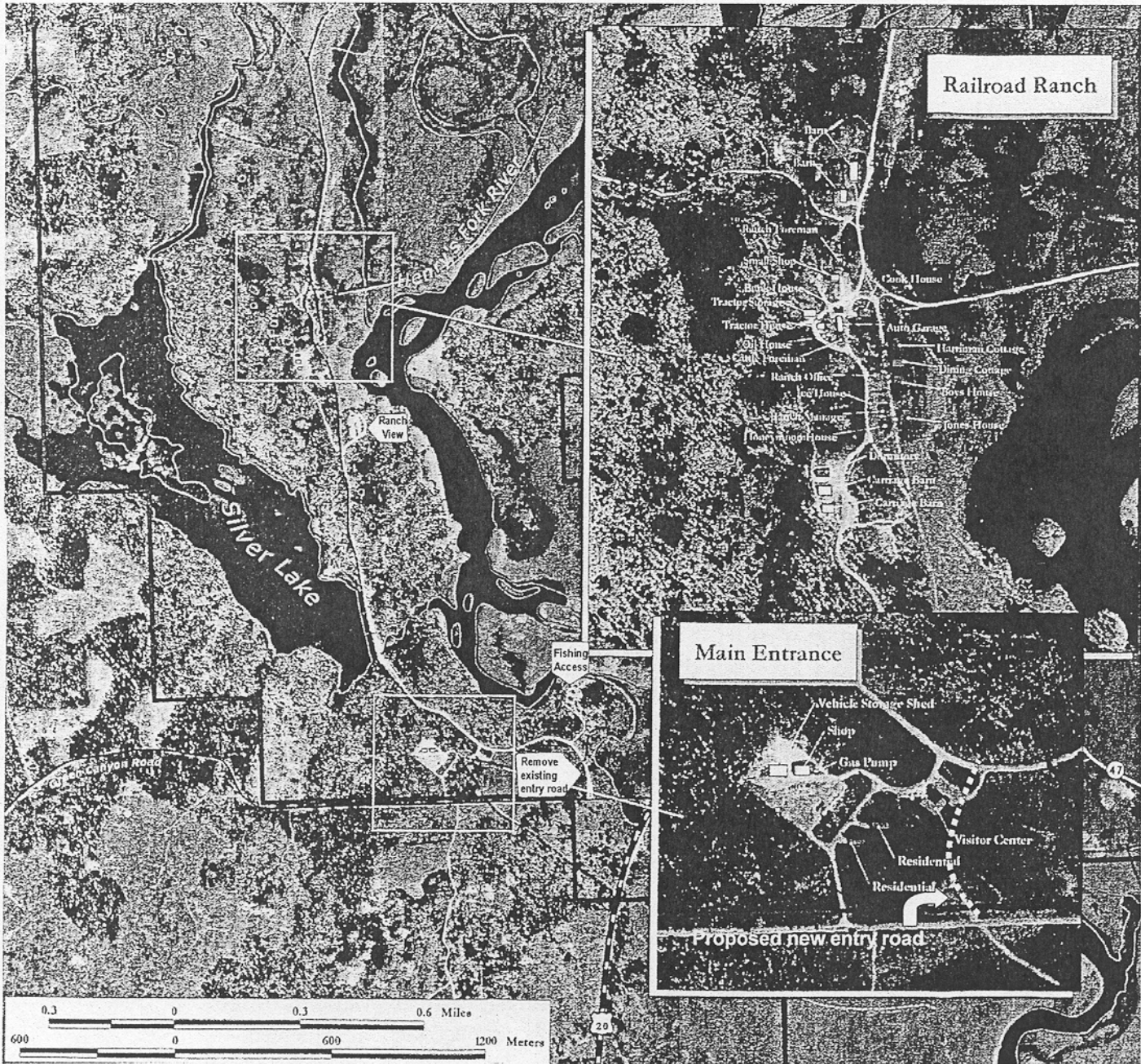
Visitor Center—Existing park headquarters will be moderately enlarged to incorporate all visitor center functions. The visitor center will provide park information, orientation and education, and serve as the primary contact point for park visitors. All park visitors will be directed to the visitor center and dispersed from there.

Components of the visitor center will include:

- Orientation of the entire park and related regional resources
- Staffed information station
- Interpretive exhibits of Harriman State Park key themes
- Multi-purpose space (meetings, classroom)
- Gift shop sized for anticipated use
- Refreshment machines (with possible outside eating area)
- Offices for park and visitor center administration/services
- Restrooms
- Outdoor orientation exhibits/maps
- Cross-country ski warming space



Harriman State Park - Railroad Ranch Infrastructure Map



Map 2. Railroad Ranch infrastructure with proposed entrance realignment.

Education and Interpretation

Education and Interpretive Programs – Harriman State Park will continue to partner with related entities outside the park for interpretation (e.g., Audubon Society/Red Rocks National Wildlife Sanctuary, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Henry's Fork Foundation, Yellowstone National Park). The park will provide a strong educational program that includes, but is not limited to, spring and fall environmental education programs for school children, education/interpretive Jr. Ranger programs, evening programs, interpretive tours, resource education programs, historical interpretation programs, living history programs and overnight educational opportunities.

The interpretive theme of the park will be balanced among natural, historical, cultural and geological programming. All park sites will be integrated into the education/interpretive programming.

Livestock will be kept on site at the Railroad Ranch for special events and historical character.

Education and Interpretation Facilities – The living history infrastructure for the park will be defined. The dormitory will be used for overnight lodging for educational groups. Dining space for dormitory users will be provided nearby. The facility will be designed to blend with the historic character of the Harriman historic district.

The self-guided interpretive trail at Ranch View parking area will be retained. Interpretive exhibits will be redesigned or updated as needed. The information kiosk will be removed. A simple, covered shelter will be constructed for outdoor classes. The shelter can be used for picnicking, when not in use for classes. The parking area will be redesigned, as needed, to site the shelter. All new facilities will be placed back from the river's edge.

The Boys House will continue to be used for meeting space and educational programs. Interpretive signage on the Railroad Ranch will be closely managed for historic aesthetics.

The interpretive outdoor exhibit in the ranch building complex will be modified to blend with the surrounding grass area.

A replica of the original big shop/blacksmith shop will be constructed at or near its original location.

Natural and Cultural Resources

Park staff will continue to partner with other agencies, including the Henrys Fork Watershed Council, U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Idaho Dept. of Lands, Fremont County, National Resource Conservation Service, etc., for natural resource conservation at the park and related areas. They will work with the U.S. Forest Service on active vegetation management for resource and aesthetic values.

Resources will continue to be managed to preserve threatened and endangered species and species of special concern.

A grazing program will continue at Harriman State Park under close management. Staff will work to define how grazing relates to vegetation management.

Staff will continue to work with the State Historic Preservation Office on historic site and structure preservation, restoration and/or rehabilitation, and on the cataloging and preservation of artifacts.

Natural and cultural resource management plans will be produced and implemented.

Staff will work to avoid light pollution and preserve the dark sky environment in and around Harriman State Park.

Recreational Opportunities

Picnicking – The overall number of picnic facilities in the park will be increased and at least one location at each site will be designed for ADA accessibility.

Benches, rather than tables, will be placed among the buildings in the historic district for informal picnicking and resting areas. Picnic tables at the Railroad Ranch fishing access parking area will be re-sited so that they have an unobtrusive view of the river. A group shelter for outdoor programming and picnicking will be provided at the Ranch View area, along with a few individual picnic tables. A picnic/outdoor interpretive area will also be provided at the park's visitor center.

Fishing – It is recommended that fishing regulations for the Railroad Ranch stretch of the Henrys Fork remain catch and release fly fishing only. However, a request will be made to Fish & Game to expand the fishing season to year-round use, with closures only during critical nesting periods. Currently no fishing is allowed on Golden or Silver Lakes and Thurmon Creek. General regulation fishing is allowed on Fish Pond. These fishing regulations will not be changed. Fish Pond will be promoted for family and children's fishing opportunities. An ADA accessible fishing site will be provided at Fish Pond. A request will be made to Fish & Game to approve catch and release fishing on Sheridan Creek.

Boating – Currently non-motorized boats and flotation devices are allowed to float the entire stretch of the Henrys Fork that flows through Harriman State Park.

No boating is allowed on Golden or Silver Lakes to protect nesting swans. However, non-motorized boating is allowed on Fish Pond.

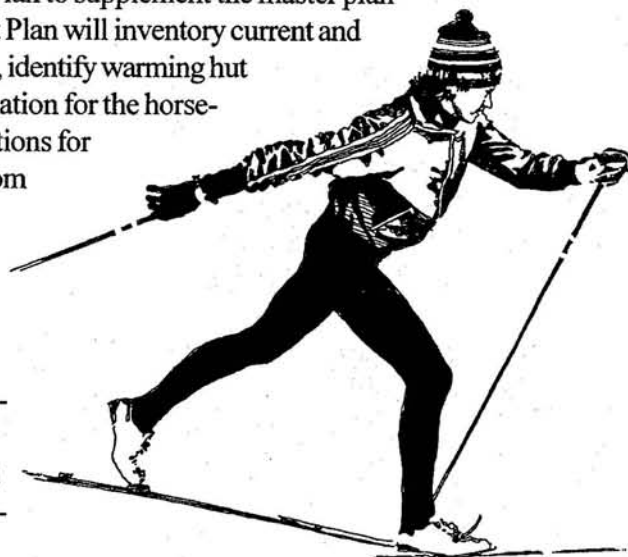
Trails – Staff will prepare a Trails Management Plan to supplement the master plan and address specific trails issues. The Trails Management Plan will inventory current and potential trail routes, identify yurt locations and placement, identify warming hut locations and placement, analyze and identify the best location for the horse-back riding concession facilities, identify appropriate locations for wildlife viewing benches/blinds that will be constructed from natural elements, e.g., rocks, shrubs and downed timber, etc.

All trails within the Railroad Ranch will remain non-motorized. Existing trails within the park will be retained. If resource damage occurs from overuse, trails will be closed. A separation of trail usage between equestrians and mountain bikers will be encouraged through signs and education. Separate trailheads will be provided for mountain bikers and equestrians. Mountain bike facilities will be expanded.

The existing snowmobile trails across Harriman East and the Railroad Ranch's north boundary at Last Chance will remain as part of the Fremont County snowmobile program. Trailhead parking will be provided on Harriman East for snowmobilers.

The Harriman State Park trail system will be expanded to link all park sites together. A trailhead and trail linkages will be provided from the visitor center parking lot.

An underpass crossing will be constructed under Highway 20 to facilitate trail usage between the



Railroad Ranch and Harriman East, as well as snowmobile usage along Green Canyon Road.

Park staff will continue to work with the Forest Service on the trail system through the Harriman Wildlife Refuge.

Equestrian Facilities – The horseback riding concession for the public will be continued, unless the resource becomes over impacted. Should that occur, the concession operation will be modified.

Equestrian trails will be expanded. Trail and trailhead designations will provide for a separation between public and concession equestrian activities. Multiple equestrian trailheads will be provided, including the visitor center parking lot.



Warming Spaces – Currently warming space is provided in the downstairs of the Jones House in the ranch building complex. Alternatives to this warming space in or near the ranch building complex will be identified in the Trails Management Plan. Warming space will also be provided at the visitor center/headquarters/trailhead.

Lodging/Camping – Use of the historic buildings will be balanced to

provide for interpretation and lodging. Overnight lodging will be provided in the dormitory, Ranch Manager's house, Honeymoon Hotel, bunkhouse and Cattle Foreman's house. A new dining facility will be provided for the dormitory and the cookhouse will be used as dining facilities for bunkhouse lodgers. A managed campground will be provided at Harriman East.

Maintenance and Operation

Whenever possible, signs and facilities will be pulled back from the river's edge.

The current park headquarters will be expanded to accommodate all visitor center activities. A space plan for the visitor center/headquarters building will be created. Staff housing near park headquarters will be retained. Seasonal staff housing will continue to be provided on the second floor of the Jones House and in the Ranch Office. The maintenance operations for the park will remain in the shop area adjacent to park headquarters.

The park will provide long-term and short-term volunteer service opportunities. Certain retail opportunities, such as a park gift shop, will be provided for the public. However, the park will not undertake to compete with existing private enterprise outside of park boundaries.

Staff will continue the partnership with the Forest Service at Mesa Falls.

The Sheridan Ranch property will be used to provide for the acquisition of additional property and/or expansion of recreational opportunities.

MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL #2 - ISLAND PARK COMMUNITY TRAIL LINKAGES

This management proposal addresses partnerships between Harriman State Park and other public and private entities in the Island Park area to provide community trail linkages. It provides all of the opportunities of the stand-alone park proposal, plus it diversifies the visitor trail use off the Railroad Ranch. It provides recreational and commuter trail linkages from the junction of the Buffalo River with Highway 20 in Island Park to Pinehaven, south of Harriman State Park.

Visitor Contact and Distribution

Park Entrance and Fee Collection – The proposals for park entrance and fee collection include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #2 will recommend Harriman State Park management of the Last Chance fishing access area. A self-serve fee station will be placed at Last Chance under this proposal.

Access, Circulation and Parking – The proposals for access, circulation and parking include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #2 directs staff to work with the U.S. Forest Service to develop a management agreement for parking at the Last Chance fishing access site.

Visitor Center – The proposals for a park visitor center include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Education and Interpretation

Education and Interpretive Programs – The proposals for education and interpretive programs include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Education and Interpretation Facilities – The proposals for education and interpretation facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Natural and Cultural Resources

The proposals for natural and cultural resources include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Recreational Opportunities

Picnicking – The proposals for picnicking facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Fishing – The proposals for fishing opportunities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Boating – The proposals for boating opportunities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Trails – The proposals for trails include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. In addition to those recommendations Management Proposal #2 directs staff to work with the Forest Service to expand summer (mountain bike, equestrian, hiking) and winter (cross-country ski and snowshoe) trails along Thurmon Ridge. Staff will also work with other public agencies and private landowners to establish a hard-surfaced community trail system from Harriman State Park, north through Island Park, to the Buffalo River and south from Harriman State Park to Pinehaven.

Equestrian Facilities – The proposals for equestrian facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Warming Spaces – The proposals for warming space include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Lodging/Camping – The proposals for lodging and camping facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Maintenance and Operation

The proposals for maintenance and operation include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposal #1. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL #3 - HENRY'S FORK/MESA FALLS RECREATION CORRIDOR

This management proposal addresses a multi-entity partnership in which Harriman State Park is a mid-point in the Henry's Fork/Mesa Falls recreation corridor. This recreational corridor extends from the Buffalo River in Island Park to the Bear Gulch Ski Area south of Mesa Falls. This proposal provides the greatest dispersal of recreational uses throughout the region. It provides all of the opportunities of the stand-alone park proposal, plus it allows for partnerships and cross-marketing of existing recreational facilities in the Island Park area. It provides for the greatest range of opportunities and protection of solitude by dispersing recreational uses across a larger area. It also provides the potential for multiple-mile trail linkages for both summer and winter users.

Visitor Contact and Distribution

Park Entrance and Fee Collection – The proposals for park entrance and fee collection include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Access, Circulation and Parking – The proposals for access, circulation and parking include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #3 directs staff to work with the Forest Service to provide year-round trailhead parking at the Bear Gulch ski area.

Visitor Center – The proposals for a park visitor center include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Education and Interpretation

Education and Interpretive Programs – The proposals for education and interpretive programs include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Education and Interpretation Facilities – The proposals for education and interpretation facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Natural and Cultural Resources

The proposals for natural and cultural resources include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Recreational Opportunities

Picnicking – The proposals for picnicking facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Fishing – The proposals for fishing opportunities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

Boating – The proposals for boating opportunities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2.

In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #3 directs staff to work with the Forest Service to improve the Riverside Campground boat access/take out.

Trails – The proposals for trails include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2.

In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #3 directs staff to work with other public agencies to provide year-round trail opportunities from Harriman State Park, south through the Mesa Falls Recreation Area, to Bear Gulch.

Equestrian Facilities – The proposals for equestrian facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #3 will provide a camping area for equestrians in conjunction with at least one equestrian trailhead.

Warming Spaces – The proposals for warming space include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.

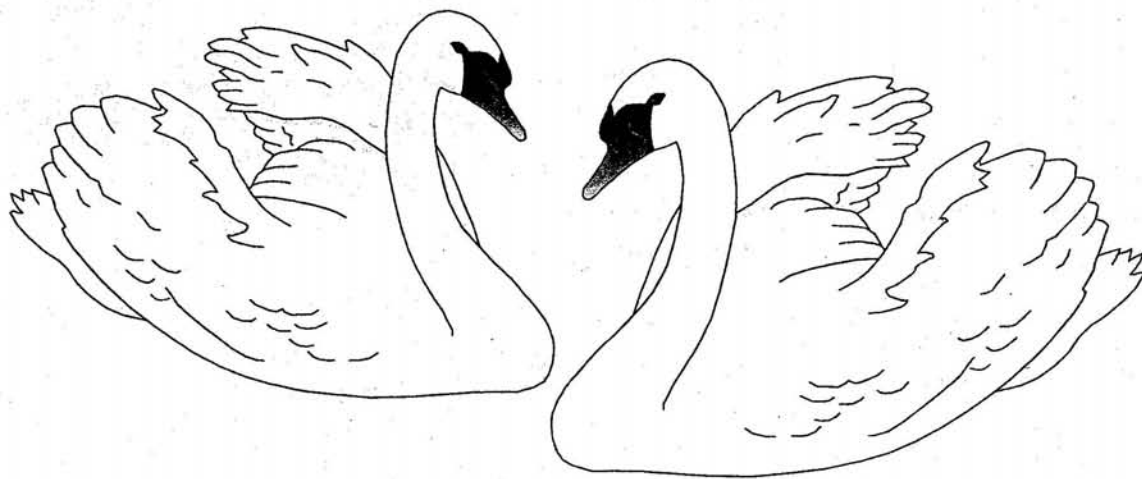
Lodging/Camping – The proposals for lodging and camping facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2.

In addition to those recommendations, Management Proposal #3 directs staff to work with the Forest Service on the management of modern RV, tent and group camping with expanded facilities and services at Riverside Campground.



Maintenance and Operation

The proposals for maintenance and operation facilities include all of the recommendations found in Management Proposals #1 and #2. No additional recommendations are made in this management proposal.



Harriman State Park Master Plan

MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL COMMENT SHEET

Please use this form to tell us what you think about the preliminary management proposals presented in this booklet. You are welcome to include additional pages with this form. Please mail your response to: Comprehensive Planning, Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0065, or you may e-mail your responses to cvaughn@idpr.state.id.us. Comments must be received by **Thursday, March 7, 2002**. Thank you for your time and input.

1. Which proposal(s) did you particularly like? Why?
2. Would you like to see your favorite management proposal revised? If so, how?
3. Do you have any other ideas that were not presented in the management proposals? If yes, please describe them.

Thank you for your comments and for your interest in Harriman State Park. We appreciate your input.



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Harriman State Park Visitor Survey



1. Please give the zip code or country (if other than USA) for your home address. _____
2. Please mark the annual income of the survey respondent.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 - \$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$75,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 - \$35,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$100,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> over \$100,000
3. How many people are in your party? _____
4. How many members of your party, if any, are physically challenged or have difficulty with mobility? _____
5. Please give the gender (M=male, F=female) and age for each member of your party.

_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)
_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)	_____ (Gender) (Age)
6. How would you describe your group? *(please choose the **one** that best fits)*

<input type="checkbox"/> single parent with children	<input type="checkbox"/> couple	<input type="checkbox"/> extended family	<input type="checkbox"/> a group of friends	<input type="checkbox"/> individual
<input type="checkbox"/> two parents with children <input type="checkbox"/> other _____				
7. How many pets do you have with you today? _____
8. What type(s) of pets do you have with you? ☐ cat ☐ dog ☐ other _____
9. What type of visit are you making to the park? ☐ day use ☐ overnight
10. During which season are you visiting in the park? ☐ winter ☐ spring ☐ summer ☐ fall
11. Please mark the approximate time you arrived at the park.

<input type="checkbox"/> Before 8 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 am - 10 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 am - noon	<input type="checkbox"/> noon - 2 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 pm - 4 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 pm - 6 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm - 8 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 pm - 10 pm
12. Please circle the day(s) of the week of your visit. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.
13. Is this your first visit to the park? ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. What was your mode of transportation to the park?

<input type="checkbox"/> automobile	<input type="checkbox"/> motorcycle	<input type="checkbox"/> camping vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> on foot	<input type="checkbox"/> bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____
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15. How did you learn about the park?

<input type="checkbox"/> highway visitor center	<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho State Park Guide	<input type="checkbox"/> from a friend/relative	<input type="checkbox"/> highway sign	<input type="checkbox"/> newspaper/ magazine
<input type="checkbox"/> radio	<input type="checkbox"/> television	<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho Travel Guide	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> live nearby
<input type="checkbox"/> other _____				
16. What attracted you to the park?

<input type="checkbox"/> special event in park	<input type="checkbox"/> park facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> park natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/> scenery	<input type="checkbox"/> nearby attractions	<input type="checkbox"/> security
<input type="checkbox"/> historic significance	<input type="checkbox"/> saw park from highway	<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife			
17. On a grading scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being too high, 1 being too low, and 3 being average:
 - a. How would you rate park use fees? *(please circle one)* 1 2 3 4 5
 - b. How would you rate gift shop prices? If you did not visit this area, please mark "NA."
(please circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 NA
 - c. How would you rate your satisfaction with gift shop selection and quality?
If you did not visit this area, please mark "NA." *(please circle one)* 1 2 3 4 5 NA
18. Did you make a purchase at the gift shop? ☐ Yes ☐ No
19. Have you purchased an annual state park pass or V.I.P. pass this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
20. Would you be willing to pay an additional fee for a specialized interpretive program (e.g., guided nature walk, historical reenactment, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
21. How much of the actual cost do you believe users should pay for provision of a state recreation facility or service? ☐ none ☐ partial ☐ full

(please continue survey on back)

22. On a grading scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being very poor, 5 being very good, and 3 being average:
- How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the customer service you received from park staff?
(please circle one) 1 2 3 4 5
 - How would you rate your level of satisfaction with information received from park or agency staff?
(please circle one) 1 2 3 4 5
 - How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the courtesy shown you by park staff?
(please circle one) 1 2 3 4 5
23. Please rate the cleanliness of each facility at the park which you used/visited on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being very poor, 5 being very good, and 3 being average. ___ restroom ___ visitor center ___ picnic area
___ ranch manager's house ___ dormitory ___ yurts ___ trails ___ historic compound
24. Please rate the exterior facility maintenance of each facility at the park which you visited on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being very poor, 5 being very good, and 3 being average.
___ visitor center ___ historic compound buildings ___ ranch manager's house ___ dormitory ___ yurts
25. In what condition would you rate the natural resources/grounds of the park?
☐ trampled ☐ slightly overused ☐ good condition ☐ pristine
26. What park facilities (structures, trails, river, picnic areas, etc.), if any, did you have difficulty accessing?

27. Did you feel safe and secure while visiting the park? ☐ Yes ☐ No
28. Did you observe any safety hazards while visiting the park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what was the hazard?

29. If you witnessed someone else violate any of the following park rules during your visit, please mark which ones. (Please mark all that apply.)
☐ pets off leash ☐ parking on roadway ☐ offensive behavior (alcohol, excessive noise) ☐ vandalism
☐ other, please explain _____
30. List your three favorite park activities, **in any state park**.
___ bird/wildlife watching ___ camping ___ horseback riding ___ bicycling
___ evening campfire programs ___ fishing ___ cross-country skiing ___ photography
___ being with family/friends ___ hiking ___ snowshoeing ___ swimming
___ educational opportunities ___ relaxing ___ special events ___ boating
___ nature/history displays ___ other _____
31. What type of programs and interpretive activities do you enjoy? (Please mark all that apply.)
☐ special events/activities ☐ guided nature walks ☐ self-guided walks ☐ Jr. Ranger programs
☐ exhibits/displays ☐ campfire programs ☐ educational programs
32. On a grading scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being very poor, 5 being very good, and 3 being average, how would you rate the overall content/quality of the park's interpretive effort (i.e., "living history" programs, nature talks, Jr. Ranger programs, trail signs/story panels, natural or historical displays, etc.)? (please circle one) 1 2 3 4 5
33. Which activities/programs did you participate in during your visit? (Please mark all that apply.)
☐ fishing ☐ hiking ☐ bicycling ☐ picnicking ☐ horseback riding ☐ wildlife viewing ☐ cross-country skiing
☐ overnight lodging ☐ video program ☐ self-guided walking tour ☐ guided historic compound tour
34. If enjoyment of your visit was diminished by any park deficiencies, what were they? _____
35. Are there any facilities or services you believe should be provided at this park that are not currently available?
If so, please list them: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Your input is very important to us.

Please return your completed survey form to the park office or in the envelope provided.



Appendix 5

2000 Idaho State Parks Day-Use Survey

Thanks for helping us better understand your needs!

Harriman State Park

Please enter your zip code of residence.

1. How did you learn about this park? (Please check only one)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway visitor center | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho State Parks Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho Campground Directory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAA guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Live nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho Travel Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Life | <input type="checkbox"/> From a friend or relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho State Highway Map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Park brochure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Check your three favorite things to do in a park.

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning something new | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Star gazing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Being with friends & family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

3. What else would you like to see us offer in this park? (Check as many as you wish)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature store | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Overflow parking | <input type="checkbox"/> More trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabins | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe pits | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike rentals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yurts | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice for sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat rentals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball area | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

4. Please list the gender, age (M=Male, F=Female) and marital status (S=Single, M=Married) of each individual in your immediate party.

_____ (Gender)	_____ (Age)	_____ (Marital)	_____ (Gender)	_____ (Age)	_____ (Marital)	_____ (Gender)	_____ (Age)	_____ (Marital)
_____ (Gender)	_____ (Age)	_____ (Marital)	_____ (Gender)	_____ (Age)	_____ (Marital)	_____ (Gender)	_____ (Age)	_____ (Marital)

5. How would you describe your group? (Please choose the one that best fits)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent with children | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A group of friends | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 parents with children | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

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6. Please mark the annual pre-tax family income of the survey respondent. (Optional)

- ☐ \$0-\$10,000 ☐ \$10,000-\$20,000 ☐ \$20,000-\$35,000 ☐ \$35,000-\$50,000
☐ \$50,000-\$75,000 ☐ \$75,000-\$100,000 ☐ Over \$100,000

8. How would you rate our park fees?

- ☐ Too high ☐ A little high ☐ About right ☐ A little low ☐ Too low

9. On a graded scale with "A" being very good, "F" being very poor and "C" being average:

- How satisfied are you with the customer service you have received from park staff?
 A B C D F
 —How satisfied were you with information you received from the park or agency?
 A B C D F
 —How would you rate the condition of the natural areas in this park?
 A B C D F

10. Do you feel safe and secure while visiting the park?

- ☐ I feel very safe ☐ I feel fairly safe ☐ No, I do not feel safe

11. How many pets do you have with you today? _____ What type? _____

12. When did you arrive in the park?

- ☐ Before 8 am ☐ 8 am-10 am ☐ 10 am-noon ☐ Noon-2 pm
☐ 2 pm-4 pm ☐ 4 pm-6 pm ☐ 6 pm-8 pm ☐ After 8 pm

13. About how many times have you been to this park? ☐ First time _____ times

14. Do you have Internet access? ☐ Yes ☐ No

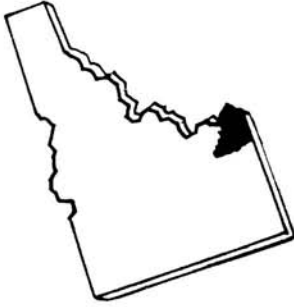
15. Did you know an annual park day-use pass is available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. What attracted you to the park? (Mark all that apply)

- ☐ Special event in park ☐ Boating ☐ Swimming ☐ Hiking trails
☐ Visit friends ☐ Picnicking ☐ Bike trails ☐ Observatory
☐ Disc golf ☐ Fishing ☐ View wildlife ☐ Close to home
☐ Be with friends ☐ Location ☐ Safe place to be ☐ Near water
☐ Bird watching ☐ Facilities ☐ History ☐ _____

17. Are there any facilities or services you believe we should provide at this park that we are not currently providing? If so, please list them: _____

Thanks for taking the time to help us. Please return the survey to a park employee or drop it in the check-out box when you leave the park.



FREMONT COUNTY PLANNING and ZONING COMMISSION

151 West 1st North
St. Anthony, Idaho 83445
(208) 624-4643

July 12, 2002

Connie J. Vaughn
Comprehensive Planning
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
5657 Warm Springs Avenue
Boise, ID 83716

Re: Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

The Fremont County Planning and Zoning Commission want to thank you and Keith Hobbs for your presentation regarding the Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan on June 17, 2002. The Commission has reviewed the materials and offers the following suggestions:

- 1) Fremont County Planning and Zoning would request notification and the capability to comment on any proposals of land trade regarding the Sheridan Ranch or other parcels within the boundary of Harriman State Park.
- 2) Any additional commercial activity created at the park, would need to be reviewed and approved by Fremont County Planning and Zoning. Island Park Zoning District restricts commercial activity to specific areas, noted as Commercial Nodes. Concerns with additional commercial activity within the Harriman State Park would defeat the County's Development Code to direct these businesses to locate within a commercial node.
- 3) Any construction to be reviewed, permitted and inspected by Fremont County Building Inspector, Charles Allen

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- 4) Any construction conducted, in the future, would be required to maintain the rustic character theme of Island Park Zoning District and note the requirements in accordance with the Island Park Commercial Guide.
- 5) Conform to The Fremont County Development Code, Appendix A- Performance Standards regarding sign requirements.
Conform to Fremont County Development Code, Appendix C- Performance Standards regarding Off-Street Parking and Loading.
- 6) Discuss and determine if additional addressing will be required for 911 purposes with added facilities for public and employees.

Thank you again for giving Fremont County Planning and Zoning Commission the opportunity to comment on the Draft Master Plan. If you have any questions regarding the above-mentioned comments, please contact our office at 624-4643.

Sincerely,



Mike Davis
Chairman
Planning and Zoning



Karen Lords
Administrator
Planning and Zoning

Cc: file

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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: Anton Gault Today's Date: 6/21/02
 Meeting Location: Big House

COMMENTS: Charge higher fee similar to Yellowstone for revenue. Minimize development. Research opportunities for outdoor education are the most important & valued use to me. I don't care for snowmobiling in National or State parks. Less grazing. Remain a day use area. Re-vegetate logging road. Establish "Friends of Harrison State Park". Preserve wildlife. No year-round fishing. Maintain water resources to effectively manage aquatic ecosystem for long-term sustainability. Implement noxious weed control program as to minimize water pollution. Development upstream of park should be carefully managed as to prevent possible pollution problems that ~~could damage~~ ^{may be a stress on the system}.

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity?

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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: Whit Whitman Today's Date: 6-20-02
 Meeting Location: Boise HQ

COMMENTS: Notice people from the west & north parts of the state to come to Harrison. The spots, in their current location, are too close together. Would like to see wagon rides on Saturday & Sunday (especially for the handicapped & elderly).

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity?

Harriman State Park Master Plan PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: Thomas Robert Brown Today's Date: 7/14/02
Meeting Location: _____

COMMENTS: I'm the prologue to your MASTER PLAN you
speak of HARRIMAN'S vision, but then proceed to GIVE
NOT HARRIMAN'S vision, but your own

HARRIMAN'S vision is unmistakable; it's implicit
in every detail of the magnificent natural treasure
that he left us. The quiet, simple elegance of the
place reflect a man of incomparable taste who obviously
had a reverence for the unadorned natural beauty of
the place and had no inclination to "enhance" it. The
Ranch itself tells us with remarkable clarity what the
man valued and wished to preserve for future
generations.

You claim your intention is to "improve" the
Ranch, which I find both presumptuous and arrogant
and the most transparent of euphemisms, for the changes
you propose are neither minor nor inconsequential
and will materially change the essence of the place.
Your MASTER PLAN is, in fact, a replica of Yellowstone
Park - despite your denials

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity? - OVER -

Harriman State Park Master Plan PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
Meeting Location: _____

COMMENTS: A serious analysis of your plan discovers
what you take such care to conceal: the object
is to attract tourist dollars. You want to turn
a peaceful sanctuary where people go to
contemplate and admire the unspoiled beauty around
them into a RAVENUS, TERRING ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE
Endorse your proposals

Thomas Robert Brown

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity? _____

Harriman State Park Master Plan PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: Sam Todd Today's Date: 6/22/02
Meeting Location: 8x1447, Livingston, NY, 59047

COMMENTS: 1. FIRST LET ME THANK YOU GUYS FOR THE CAC AND THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.
2. MY GREATEST CONCERN IN ADDRESSING PERCEIVED "UNDERUTILIZATION" IS THE DANGER OF "YELLOWSTONE" HSP. I WONDERED YNP IN THE LATE 50s AND HAVE, FOR HALF A CENTURY, WATCHED THE YELLOWSTONE EXPERIENCE DETERIORATE TO A DISASTROUS STATE OVER CROWDED STRESS-GENERATING PAIN. DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO HSP, THE GREATEST ASSET OF WHICH IS ITS RELATIVELY UN-
DISTURBED TRANQUILITY.

Also, I AM EXTREMELY DISTURBED THAT THE LANGUAGE EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE HARRIMAN FAMILY IS TOTALLY ABSENT FROM THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN (I DO NOT CONSIDER AN APPENDIX INCLUSION AT ALL ADEQUATE!)

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity? THROUGH CAC

Harriman State Park Master Plan PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: Judie Stanley Today's Date: June 22, '02
Meeting Location: Island Park

COMMENTS:
Would like to see separation of horse/public trails (VI-8), additional hiking trails. Like the Mission Statement & Vision Statement. As long as changes fit under these they'll be good. My only worry is that it will be "discovered" & loved to death. The tone of the plan sounds like the group has very carefully tried to stay w/ the original intent of keeping Harriman a refuge, a historical treasure, and a place for quiet recreation

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity? _____

Harriman State Park Master Plan PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: ALAN BRIDWELL Today's Date: 6-22-09
Meeting Location: HARRIMAN PAR

COMMENTS: DO NOT CONCUR WITH PLAN TO ESTABLISH CAMPGROUND
AT FISH LAKE ON EAST HARRIMAN. THERE APPEARS TO BE
AMPLE CAMPING SPACE ON FOREST SERVICE LAND. UN-
IMPROVED CAMPING NEAR ENTRANCE TO W.R.#16 OFF
NWY-20. THERE IS VERY GOOD CAMPING AT RIVERSIDE
CAMP GROUND. REQUEST DELETE FROM PLAN.

THE CONCEPT OF EXPANDING RENTALS OF HISTORIC
HOUSING IS UN-ACCEPTABLE. THE EXPANSION OF
CURRENT RENTALS TO FOUR RENTALS WOULD APPEAR
TO CAUSE EXCESSIVE ACTIVITY IN HISTORIC HOUSING
AREA. REQUEST LIMIT HOUSING TO CURRENT LEVEL.

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity? _____

Harriman State Park Master Plan PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: DEAN SPRINGER Today's Date: 6/24/09
Meeting Location: DOX'S HOUSE

COMMENTS: 1) OPPOSE MOVING CAME HOUSE FOR DOX
TO STAGE/DORN AREA - OFF BLUFF
2) OPPOSE DEVELOPMENT OF CAMP GROUND/
PICNIC AREA AT FISH POND - EAST
3) WOULD SUGGEST ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL
CRITICAL HABITAT RATHER THAN
TRAINING OR SELLING PROPERTY
4) ENCOURAGE FURTHER NON-MOTORIZED
TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND PRIMITIVE
TRAIL HEADS.

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity? _____

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July 17, 2002

Dear Connie,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee addressing the proposed master plan for Harriman State Park. Fremont County appreciates being included in the planning process and we look forward to a continued strong working relationship.

On behalf of Fremont County, the following comments are offered regarding the draft master plan:

Fee Area/Osborne Bridge -- As Fremont County has ownership of the "old" Osborne Bridge, utilized by fishermen and other foot traffic, IDPR's proposed parking/access fee creates a unique situation. It is recognized IDPR owns the property surrounding the bridge, but the county has ownership of the bridge and provides maintenance. It has long been the county's policy to provide fishing access and parking without charge, and does so at eight sites along the Henry's Fork of the Snake River. As the bridge provides foot access to the east side of the river, as well as the only handicap accessibility, it is the county's desire this site remain a no fee area.

Goal E7/Sheridan Creek Property -- Recognizing the uniqueness of the Sheridan Creek property, Fremont County encourages IDPR to retain ownership and management of this property with no future plans for sale or trade. The opportunity for a sale or land exchange could eventually open this area to development. Fremont County recognizes Island Park as an area of rapid growth, placing strains on a small county's resources and services.



Harriman State Park Master Plan

Comments

Judy Wright Trude Ranch

Harriman State Park Open House

Sunday, June 22, 2002

The Harrimans' intent was to preserve the cattle ranch/open land/wilderness of their property - both the main ranch and Sheridan - so that future generations would be able to see "the way it was", a virtual outdoor museum. Their gift to the State of Idaho, its residents and guests, was endowed with enough funds to maintain and protect the natural beauty and historic structures of their ranch in Island Park, a lasting example of a vanishing lifestyle and heritage in the West.

I can't believe the Harrimans wanted any part of either side sold or swapped. Their whole motivation was to keep it as is, not to add or subtract or reconfigure.

Even harder to believe is that they would want to risk losing the Sheridan ranch to developers in a swap for land to create a "recreational corridor."

My late husband, Kenneth Trude Wright, went to New York City to meet with Roland Harriman in his office there. We offered to buy the Sheridan ranch, adding a restriction that it would always be operated as a cattle ranch or revert to the State Park. Mr. Harriman considered the sale but then rejected our proposal, reassuring us that Sheridan would always be continued as an open space cattle operation as part of the gift of their Island Park property to the State of Idaho.

Although only one family (Trude Ranch) would be directly hurt by a change in the character of Sheridan ranch, countless others would be deprived of open land that is not only vanishing way too fast but even worse, unrecoverable.

The principle of integrity seems to be fading in parts of this country. There is an integrity that applies to the legacy of the original Harriman Ranch in Island Park

In short, I disagree with the Master Plan's interpretation of the Harrimans' gift. You may have the legal right to change the Harriman Ranch, but I don't think you have the ethical right to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wright

Also, the Sheridan Creek property, as well as the area known as Fish Pond, are currently undeveloped and, in their present state, provide unique scenic and recreation opportunities. There are also beneficial fish spawning and water fowl nesting opportunities which may be eliminated or greatly reduced if these areas were to be developed.

Goal D2/Fish Pond -- Even on the busiest summer weekends throughout the Island Park area, camp sites are available. Forest Service and privately owned camp sites have yet to reach capacity. The need for an additional campground in the region is questionable, particularly one which would require electricity, sewer and water development. Should additional developed sites be in demand, consideration should be given to the private sector to meet that need. Unique areas such as the Fish Pond or Harriman East should not be developed. Additional development will decrease the "scenic draw" which originally encouraged visitors to the area. Damage to the natural resources should also be considered.

Should IDPR choose to develop camp sites on state owned property, e.g. Fish Pond, please consider first all available options. One option might be an extension at Henry's Lake State Park where full service camp sites are already available.

Goal D3/Boating Concerns -- Based on safety issues, a Fremont County ordinance is currently in place banning the use of boats with motors on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River from Island Park Dam through Harriman East. Should IDPR choose to restrict boats or float devices, public hearings and requests for input are encouraged.

Goal D4/Trail Fees -- Increase cross-country/snow shoeing daily fees to off set the cost of trail grooming. Please consider implementing a group (more than two individuals per vehicle) fee ensuring user groups are paying their fair share. Increased user fees should be implemented as soon as possible.

Goal D6/Warming Spaces -- Having the largest snowmobile program in Idaho, Fremont County strongly supports the creation of a warming space at Upper Mesa Falls and suggests this development be given a high priority. A warming space at this site would accommodate both snowmobilers and cross-country skiers and is long over due.

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Your efforts to separate mountain biking and equestrian use are to be applauded. Common sense, and the desire to provide a safe area in which to recreate, dictate these two activities not be blended.

Plans to continue equestrian use and cattle grazing are also appreciated. To eliminate either of these programs would greatly alter the culture and customs of the Railroad Ranch.

It is important to plan for the future. However, in implementing the proposed changes please do not overlook the many good things already in place at Harriman State Park. Current, and past, park managers and staff continue to do an excellent job at making the user feel welcome, attending to requests and, in general, educating the public regarding this vast natural resource. Often we are reminded many people like, and very much enjoy, Harriman State Park just the way it is.

Sincerely,



Tamra Cikaitoga
Director

cc: Keith Hobbs
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Ms. Connie Vaughn
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Dear Connie,

July 18, 2002

The review committee and HFF Board have identified two areas of concern that warrant further comment. Both problem areas relate to recommendations in goal D-7 regarding Lodging/Camping.

First, it is our view that the existing rental facilities meet the stated institutional and educational needs. To propose further expanding rental and dining capacity gives the impression that HSP could become a "resort" similar to the one proposed several years ago. You surely remember the fire-storm of protest over that one! Further, it makes no sense to duplicate existing services within Island Park, which is directly adjacent to HSP, or to compete with local businesses in the private sector.

Our second--and very strong--objection is to a managed campground in East Harriman. While we now understand the reason this item remains in the plan as presently drafted, we remain firmly opposed to such development in this still pristine area. Please, we urge you, remove this threat to E. Harriman. The mission of the HFF is to preserve and protect lands and rivers in the Caldera, and especially in Harriman State Park. The section of the river that flows near the Fish Pond cannot support more pressure that is already there. Also, this again would duplicate the existing, under-utilized, facilities. Surely a far more appropriate solution would be a cooperative venture with the Forest Service to upgrade the existing campground at Riverside. We would offer help in attempting to lobby this position.

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We are also pleased to see the draft address issues on a basis broader than just HSP. The Foundation has long advocated multi-jurisdictional planning when natural boundaries supercede legal jurisdictional lines and such a regional approach involving coordinated planning and usage among and between all interested parties will, in the end, provide a much better experience for the user and a much lighter impact on the natural resources. We encourage and support your efforts along these lines and offer you our assistance wherever we can be of help.

Thank you for this added opportunity to respond to the proposed master plan. Knowing how important this document will be for the future of HSP, we share your opinion that it must be done correctly. We also hope your Department will invite HFF to be involved in the planning process with regard to the grazing and trail system plans. The vagueness in the master plan concerning these areas is troubling and needs monitoring in our opinion. As I have told both Rick and Keith, I personally am willing to put some time into these planning efforts, and the Review Committee wants to be involved as well.

Best Regards,

John Becker
Director, HFF
Chair, HSP Review Committee

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HUGO MELVOIN

July 21, 2002

Ms. Connie Vaughn
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Re: HSP Master Plan

Dear Connie:

My fervent hope, individually and as immediate past Board Chair of Henry's Fork Foundation, is to preserve for future generations Harriman State Park as it is, a unique natural park...an oasis of tranquility...the hallowed "Crown Jewel" of one of the world's greatest trout streams.

Much thoughtful work has been done by your Department. You have carefully listened to the individuals who have served on the Citizens Advisory Committee, the HFF representatives and all those who appeared or wrote to the Department. As the Master Plan process draws to a close, it is time for final comments and a word of thanks.

All agree HSP must remain a "natural" park. The desire to make more people aware of the Park's attractions is understandable, as is the concern not to be overly "successful." One example: A handful of observers watching the elk in the Fall does not disturb; the mere presence of a large group, however quiet they may attempt to be, creates the risk of making the bulls so nervous they may vacate the area.

I was the first car to arrive in the Visitors Center parking lot this morning. I came to fish the Callabaeis hatch below Millionaire's. As I drove into the Park I felt relief as I read the handsome new sign: "No camping in the Park." I join those who strongly oppose any change in that policy. Director Collignon and I had a fine discussion about this issue back in June. While I understand his concern about unregulated camping elsewhere, I believe even he admits there is no fundamental justification for recommending the Fish Pond as a camp site.

As to the idea of improving the existing buildings and providing better food service, it's one thing to upgrade and another to expand. I understand the dominant intent of the Department is to recommend an upgrade only, removing staff housing and thereby making all the facilities available for visitors, with kitchen improvements intended only to provide for such visitors. While this appears reasonable, the intense emotions

generated three years ago over the mere possibility of creating a "lodge" in the Park suggests the desirability of making a statement clearly negating any expansion goals.

Protecting and preserving the Park is a never-ending job. In thanking you for all the hard work that has been done, I am reminded of an apt statement by Winston Churchill: *"Every day you make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb."*

Onward and upward...and may the wind always be at your back.

Sincerely,



July 22, 2002

Ms. Connie Vaughn
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Re: HSP Master Plan

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Henry's Fork Foundation, a frequent visitor to eastern Idaho and an angler, I am pleased to be part of the public commentary that has been professionally and courteously solicited by your staff in connection with Harriman State Park. Our organizations clearly have a shared interest in finding the correct balance of public use and conservation of this precious resource.

As an Easterner, I would like to share a personal point of view about conservation that I hope you will factor into your analysis of our Foundation's position on any changes in the management of Harriman State Park. Recently, our board considered sending a letter to your office that comments on the proposed changes in management policies at the park. We unanimously agreed that minimum development should be the guiding philosophy. The spirit of the Harriman family's bequest of the property calls for preservation of the natural beauty of the place, something that even the most well-intended development of facilities can damage forever.

Just yesterday, my wife and I made a driving trip from our home in Connecticut to visit the historic mansions of Newport, Rhode Island. If you have never seen The Breakers, Rosecliff, Marble House and the other examples of Gilded Age architecture commissioned by the Vanderbilts and other great American capitalists, I encourage you to do so. These period pieces are magnificently preserved treasures of our past, a past that is a tribute to our culture's industry and individualism, both of which have become magnets for immigrant entrepreneurs and valued by global free trade advocates throughout history.

However beautiful, these buildings and the age they represent are flawed. Yes, they have been turned into museums and parks by a private foundation that promotes open access and learning. But they also commemorate their builders' flawed notion that individual ownership of the Atlantic coastline and the construction of neo-classical monuments so near its shores was something that preserved and enhanced natural beauty. Of course, we have learned that such intervention often subtracts from the natural beauty, not to mention adding complex political, environmental and social issues.

What we have learned since the Gilded Age is that less is more when it comes to conserving and preserving natural beauty. The heirs of Harriman's Railroad Ranch understood this premise when they deeded the property to the State of Idaho. What the Harrimans and the Department of Parks and Recreation have built together is a monument to conservation vision, not hubris. The park does not need redevelopment, better cooking facilities, more parking for larger groups or more foot or boat traffic. Its charter does not need to be rethought by well-intentioned public servants. The building plan does not need to be tweaked in such a way that might open the door to future development of the property. The park as a model already is better than its neighbors in the national park system, whose future is threatened by a high-traffic, fast-food approach to enjoying that which should be protected from just such an approach. Indeed, the national parks could take a lesson from the State of Idaho's hands-off approach to development at Harriman State Park.

Thank you for your continued interest in preserving Harriman State Park. As "the voice of the river," the Henry's Fork Foundation stands ready as an ally in any effort to promote the public's respectful enjoyment of the park along its banks.

Sincerely,

Gene Quinn
Director
Henry's Fork Foundation

Connie Vaughn

From: Kemner, Don [dkemner@IDFG.STATE.ID.US]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2002 2:06 PM
To: cvaughn@idpr.state.id.us
Cc: Saban, Bob; Trent, Tracey
Subject: Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

Our staff has reviewed the Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan. We support the proposed increase access to Fish Pond as an opportunity to expand family fishing locations. We will evaluate any proposed changes in fishing regulations identified in your management plan when brought forth by Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation during our fishing rules setting process.

We would evaluate any proposed trail development on Forest Service lands during the NEPA process brought forth by the U.S. Forest Service.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. Please contact me at 525-7290 or my e-mail address if you have questions.

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Connie Vaughn

From: Karen & Bob Schaefer
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2002 3:25 PM
To: cvaughn@idpr.state.id.us; har@idpr.state.id.us
Subject: Harriman State Park, trails and maintenance

Dear Connie and Keith,

Although it is beyond the comment period, we wish to complement you and your fellow staff on presenting a well thought out Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan (Summary Brochure). We were out of town for the last round of public reviews and just wanted to let you know we think you are on the right course.

This state park is the only one we regularly seem to visit because it is not too far from our home in Idaho Falls. We appreciate the connection with nature it provides each time we go.

Last early spring we joined a first time ski-in to seek out the night sounds of nature. It was a rewarding trip. Although the full moon was obscured by clouds, it was a calm and fairly warm evening, but cold enough so our skis moved easily. We only heard an owl once which was the announced goal. Instead, we were caught up in noisy flock sounds of swans, ducks and other water birds trying to get settled in for the night, while a coyote was determined to catch one. When he eventually communicated with the rest of his group gathered on the other side of us we really felt apart of nature. We are looking forward to another such evening.

We support an equitable distribution of fees to cover trail management for that is what made this trip magical, skiing silently in the tracks in the dark of the night using our head lamps minimally, (and not at all most of the time), so that we had the least impact on nature as possible. (goal D4.1, Enhanced recreational trail opportunities) Is the proposed \$3.00 per car and \$5.00 per person fee what it actually costs to maintain the road and tracks, pay staff and keep the machinery in good condition? Probably. That night we only paid the requested \$3.00 parking fee.

This July we canoed from Last Chance to Osborne Bridge through the park. We were the only boat on the river that Saturday morning, although there were 6-8 fly fishermen walking in and along the river. The fragrance of lupine was in the air and the overhead flying pelicans against the blue sky was lovely to experience.

We hope this water trail will be kept open to the public as it is not too dangerous for a beginner/intermediate canoe experience, and even more importantly, it is not impacted by any commercial or urban noise, thus allowing the natural world to prevail unlike other portions of the Snake River in the Island Park Caldera. (goal D3.1, Enhance boating opportunities)

Sincerely, Karen and Bob Schaefer

stewardship are incompatible. We do not believe this. Grazing management should be given a high priority and be staffed with well-trained, open-minded and innovative resource managers.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. We commend your efforts to obtain public input on the management of this precious public resource.

For the Snake River Cutthroats,

Paul E. Patterson

Paul E. Patterson
Conservation Vice President
Snake River Cutthroats

cc: Board of Directors – Snake River Cutthroats

Snake River Cutthroats P.O. Box 50914 IDAHO FALLS, ID 83405-0914

July 25, 2002

Connie Vaughn
Idaho Dept of Parks and Recreation
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Subject: Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

On behalf of the Idaho Falls, Idaho based Snake River Cutthroats, an affiliate of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan. We provided comments in March as part of the planning process. We raised several issues than and would like to reiterate our concerns with the plan as currently drafted. We also support much of what the plan outlines in terms of management of this valuable public resource. Management options we support, include:

1. Maintaining catch and release regulations for the Railroad Ranch (D2.1).
2. Extending the fishing season until November 30 (D2.2).
3. Catch and release designation for Sheridan Creek (D2.5).
4. Developing a preventative maintenance schedule for park facilities (E1).

Issues of concern include:

1. The status of the Sheridan Ranch property is unclear. We do not support disposal of this property (E7).
2. We do not support the addition of a campground at Harriman East (D7.6). This area is heavily used and should be limited to day use.
3. Given the shortage of funds to maintain existing facilities, proposals to expand lodging and dining facilities should be reconsidered. The availability of staff to support these facilities and the cost effectiveness of providing this service should be thoroughly reviewed.
4. Before pursuing a ban on boats and floatation devices from Last Chance to the Osborne Bridge, a concentrated education effort addressing etiquette should be pursued. A ban should be pursued only as a last resort (D3).
5. While we do not object to grazing in Harriman State Park in that there is a strong historical tie, we believe that a more proactive grazing management program should be followed. Efforts should be made to partner with or seek the assistance of the staff of the Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch. Riparian and other sensitive areas should be fenced. The lack of appropriate management and the lack of proper management tools (i.e. good fences) will only contribute to a self-fulfilling prophecy that grazing and good

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July 28, 2002

Final Comments to the Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan

I work with the HFF and with Harriman State Park of Idaho. I have had the opportunity to hear many of the comments from the public about the Master Plan. There is an overall support for the plan, but a big concern about getting away from the original interest of the Harriman Family to preserve the wilderness and beauty of the area for all the public.

I know that for convenience, it is easier to say "Harriman State Park". However, it was given to the State with a condition that it be named, "Harriman State Park Of IDAHO". There is already a Harriman State Park in NY. This is an important part of the heritage that should not be left off, and a part of the gift deed that enabled the park to be given to the state. It is also important that it is remembered as a reminder of the Harriman's intent for wildlife protection to be continued within the future of the park plan.

Sheridan Ranch should be retained for grazing concession and open space. It is beautiful area; and one of the open ranch land and migration corridors that is still available and already in public hands. There is no way to gain it back if it is sold. That area was to be protected as much as the riverside of the property when the park was created. Much collective work has been done on Sheridan Creek to restore the area; the funds and restoration efforts would be lost if this area was traded.

Other comments/ concerns:

- D2.4. Access to the Fish Pond needs an improved road that is Forest Service land. It will need better parking and picnic area. BUT there does not need to be any more campgrounds (D7.6). The concept of a multi-partner area is to use the space as its best use. The surrounding campgrounds should be upgraded and used to capacity. Equestrian camping should be located near existing locations.
- D.7. The housing on Harriman Park for the public should be more limited. The Cattle Foreman's house should not be used. It is in the middle of the historic area and would detract from the historical aspect. It is good for staff housing, if needed. Focus on bunkhouse and dormitory w/ kitchen are important. Living history and EE are more important for wider public access vs. privately staying on the property. (This also cuts down on competition with local businesses – Goal E5).



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- Signage – The HSP OF IDAHO needs to be on the signs like the old one. That is an important historical aspect of the park.

Otherwise overall, I like the plan and I am please that the third proposal of a partnership for an expanded recreational corridor. There needs to be a coordinated, integrated management of this corridor collectively done with private sector, City, County, Forest Service, local agencies/groups, etc. It is going to take a lot of work with the Forest Service to get that done, and much more funds. But to look at the area as the whole corridor is the best for the area. There is already work with the FS in the Mesa Falls area (E5) so it would be a natural growth of the coordination of the agencies in the area. A visible entrance and improved visitor center will increase access with limited increase in impacts to the area. There are good goals for education, interpretation, and resources.

The biggest part of this plan is going to be the Trail Management Plan (D4.1). It still needs to be defined and is the crux of this overall plan. Some of the questions that will make a difference include where and how many new trails are put in the area.

As a designation of a Natural Park with people hiking, wildlife, and fishing as the top uses, it is important to be careful of the over-development within the park area. The corridor concept gives the opportunity to spread out these uses in a better usage pattern.

I also liked the process to get the information at the Open Houses, and ability to have input to the process. I was able to attend one in Idaho Falls and then the last one in Harriman State Park of Idaho. Although there is an expense in printing and distributing the phases of the information, I think that it has been very worthwhile and will increase public support for the final plan. The listing on all the comments along the way was helpful to see the growth and balancing during the development of the draft master plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and the inclusion of my comments into the final draft Master Plan presentation.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Babbitt

July 30, 2002

Connie Vaughn
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
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Subject: Harriman State Park Draft Master Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

We appreciate having the opportunity to comment on the draft Harriman State Park Master Plan. It is obvious that considerable time and effort has been devoted to developing this draft. The proposal contains many proposals we support including:

1. Maintaining catch and release regulations for the Railroad Ranch.
2. Catch and release designation for Sheridan Creek.
3. Providing a strong outdoor educational program.
4. Safeguarding the viewshed from the river from the intrusion of incompatible visual elements.

We had commented on the previous proposals, and find three remaining proposals that we do not support. These proposals appear to be fundamentally rooted in the desire for revenue enhancements. This would be better achieved by charging walk-in fishermen, and/or a modest increase in visitor fees.

1. We do not support the addition of a campground at Harriman East. This area is already heavily used, with many "ghost" roads, undeveloped camping, etc. Further, the existing area Forest Service and commercial campgrounds are not close to being fully utilized, and this would only add to the excess capacity. This location would put additional pressure on the river, a resource already being "loved" too much. This proposal should be to work with the Forest Service to change the area status to day use only.
2. Proposals to convert the dormitory and four historic buildings to overnight lodging, and the use of the cookhouse as a dining facility for those lodgers needs serious reconsideration. There is already a shortage of funds to maintain existing facilities. The return on capital, cost effectiveness, and staffing issues for such lodging needs thorough review. This proposal can easily start us down the slippery slope to gross commercialization to the detriment of the aesthetic qualities intended for the park at its establishment.

3. We do not support the disposal of the Sheridan Ranch property. This ranch is located in a rapidly developing area of Island Park, and will become a valuable resource for the enjoyment of the public.

Thank you for considering our comments. We appreciate the effort you and the Park staff are expending to involve the public in the future of the Harriman State Park.

With best regards,

Jim and Geraldine Mathias

(Original Signed by above)

Harriman State Park Master Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: Mary Jane Ison Today's Date: 7-27-02
 Meeting Location: _____

COMMENTS: The Harriman Mission Statement
clearly states that the ranch should be
preserved for all generations as it was
when the original "rusticators" arrived
on the scene. Expanded recreational
opportunities as presented in the current
Park Vision Statement would commercialize
and degrade the tranquility of the park.
Harriman Ranch receives extensive
media coverage in many national
magazines. Its fisheries are being
loved to death due to this attention

- Goal A1.2 - Not needed
- Goal A2.5 - Snowmobiles pollute the air and the senses of true nature lovers.

Goal A3.2 Not needed

Goal B.2 As an educator of 20 years

I strongly believe interpretive
facilities using computers are a
waste of money. Children need to
see the real thing. Docents and
rangers who love the area are
the most valuable tool.

How did you hear about this public comment opportunity?

Preserve the Harriman Ranch as it
is. Do not allow commercial interests
to exploit its tranquil beauty for their
own selfish gains.

7-23-02

Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation

From, Richard & Jane Hunt

After reading Harriman State Park Draft
Master Plan, we like the Park Mission Statement.
Your Park Vision Statement, however, the
Harrimans would not go along with it.
It appears as though you want to
commercially promote this beautiful spot.
If you commercialize the Park, it will
become another overgrowned recreational
facility. Keep it a quiet place, keep it
a day-use spot, no camp grounds,
no dirt abatement, and keep waterfront
off the river from East Prarie to Osborn
Bridge, just keep the Ranch like it is!

Thank you,

Richard & Jane Hunt

Appendix 8



Our mission: to educate through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of Idaho's cultural heritage.

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July 29, 2002

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RE: Draft Master Plan, Harriman State Park

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft master plan for Harriman State Park dated April 2002. In general, it is our opinion that the draft plan does a very good job of encouraging the continued emphasis on protecting the park's extraordinary cultural resources. As you know, the objectives under Goal C2 (Provide cultural resource stewardship) appear subtle, but can have very broad and encompassing aspects when applied at the implementation stage. We offer whatever assistance we can to this and other park planning/implementation efforts, and look forward to continuing our effective working relationship with your agency.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

for Susan Pengilly Neitzel
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer



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